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JAPANESE ADVANCE BEYOND LANGSON

Defenders Cut Off But, Defending Positions Situation Still Highly Critical

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ALTHOUGH INSTRUCTIONS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY TOKYO FOR THE ATTACK OF JAPANESE FORCES ACROSS THE INDO-CHINA BORDER TO BE SUSPENDED, THE PRESSURE IN THE REGION OF LANGSON IS BEING MAINTAINED AND HEAVY FIGHTING IS STILL PROCEEDING, IT WAS DISCLOSED THIS MORNING.

JAPANESE ALLIANCE RUMOURS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A "bombshell impression" has been caused in Shanghai by press reports of Japanese/German defensive alliance.

The news is splashed on the front pages of almost every Shanghai newspaper, but no comment has yet appeared.

According to these reports, Hitler's personal emissary has arrived in Tokyo and bluntly told the Japanese that unless they are prepared to cooperate by moving

The advance of the Japanese forces is strongly supported by artillery and aerial bombardment, and the French forces are giving ground.

It is authoritatively learned that the Japanese troops have now reached positions beyond Langson, the troops in which have been cut off, but appear to be still defending their positions.

General Nishihara is believed agreed last Sunday cannot come to have returned to Hanoi, and into force. It is understood that Major-General Nishihara has been in constant communication with Tokyo, endeavouring to ease the situation, to check any precipitate action by the Japanese Navy.

Meantime, there is no indication that General Ando, the Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese South China Expeditionary Force, has done anything to stop the advance from Kwangsi, while several Japanese transports are lying off Houdan, near Haiphong.

JAPAN READY TO RUN RISKS?

JAPAN'S INVASION of Indo-China is bound to affect the interests of Great Britain and the United States more than those of China, says the Chungking Army organ "Sao Tang Pao."

Japan's venture southwards is beset with perils. The Japanese Army is fully occupied in China and the most Japan can expect is to oppose the British and U.S. Fleets only around her own islands and Formosa.

Should Japan attempt to penetrate into the southern Pacific she would be exposed to many dangers and disadvantages, strategically and financially, because of the vast area she would be called on to protect against possible attack and encirclement.

The newspaper gives three reasons for Japan's apparent intention to run the risk nonetheless.

Firstly, Japan hopes to remedy her economic and financial bank-

ruptcy by capturing new resources to strengthen her war machine; Japan also wishes to smooth political dissatisfaction;

Secondly, Japan seeks to engage the attention of Britain and the United States in the Far East in order to benefit certain countries in Europe; and

Thirdly, Japan expects no serious interference from Britain and the United States, as she believes they are more concerned with the European situation.—Reuter.

French Restraint

The French are sending up reinforcements towards Langson, but there are hints that to prevent further "misunderstanding," General Maurice Martin is deliberately avoiding the use of "energetic means" against the Japanese forces.

It is noteworthy, for instance, that the Japanese use of aircraft has not been countered by French use of the aircraft at their disposal.

It is also explained in Hanoi that the successful advance of the Japanese, accomplished against relatively weak units, was facilitated by the fact that the French authorities, confident in the agreement reached on Sunday took no active steps to prepare the defence of the Kwangsi border opposite Langson and Dongdang until the Japanese attack had been launched.

CHOLERA CASES

Cholera cases registered by the Health Authorities yesterday totalled 11—seven in Kowloon, three in Victoria, and one in Shaikwan.

WEATHER FORECAST: — S.W. winds, moderate; fair, probably local showers.

JAPANESE NOT HAMPERED BY UNITED STATES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Japan will not be surprised if the United States decides to take action as a result of events in Indo-China, a Japanese Foreign Office spokesman said yesterday.

Any such action, he added, will "have no effect upon Japanese movements in the Far East."

SPAIN TO PLAY AXIS ROLE?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A hint that pressure or inducements are being made for the intervention of Spain in the war was published in the Rome press yesterday.

"Italy welcomes this truly historic decision of the leaders of Spain for solidarity in the war

NEW U.S. LOAN TO CHINA

A NEW LOAN OF U.S.\$25,000,000 HAS BEEN MADE TO CHINA BY THE EXPORT AND IMPORT BANK, ACCORDING TO A WASHINGTON ANNOUNCEMENT BY JESSE JONES, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FEDERAL LOAN AGENCY. THE LOAN IS TO BE LIQUIDATED THROUGH THE SALE OF TUNGSTEN TO THE METALS RESERVE COMPANY OF THE UNITED STATES AS PART OF THE NATIONAL DEFENCE PROGRAMME. THE ANNOUNCEMENT ADDED.—REUTER.

ALL ROTHSCHILD PROPERTY SEIZED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Vichy Government sequestered on all the property of Baron Maurice de Rothschild has now been extended to the whole Rothschild family.

Bank accounts and land belonging to Edward, Phillip, Henry and Robert Rothschild—all of whom fled from France—are affected.—Havas.

against England," said one paper. "It completes the isolation of England from Continental Europe."



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DAKAR DRAMA OVER

De Gaulle Forces And British Naval Units Withdraw From The Operations Submarine Attack; Two Destroyed

THE BRITISH NAVAL FORCE INVESTING DAKAR HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN AFTER THE SINKING OF TWO FRENCH SUBMARINES, AND SUSTAINING SOME CASUALTIES.

An official statement issued in London early this morning stated that the Allied forces were being withdrawn in order to save the lives of Frenchmen.

The French Admiralty claims that two British battleships were torpedoed during the action and that one of them withdrew from the action with a strong list.

No mention of serious damage to any British vessel is made in the long British statement on the operations.

The circumstances which led to support and assistance he needed, the British withdrawal are explained in a Ministry of Information announcement, which states that it had never been the intention of the British Government to enter into serious warlike operations against those Frenchmen who felt it their duty to obey the commands of the Vichy Government. The announcement states: "General De Gaulle had good reason to believe from information that reached him that a large proportion of the French population of Senegal supported the Free French movement and would welcome his arrival and that a similar situation might be established there to that which exists in French Equatorial Africa."

Warning Message

Before returning the French fire, the Admiral commanding made the following signal in plain language:

"Will be compelled to return fire unless fire ceases."

"As the fire of the shore batteries did not cease, the fire was returned and both His Majesty's ships and the shore batteries incurred casualties."

"Fire from the French battleship Richelieu was joined to that of the shore batteries and consequently her fire had to be returned."

Submarines Sunk

The British naval commander warned the French authorities that "submarines would be engaged if they left harbour."

In spite of this warning, three submarines made attacks on our ships and active measures had to be taken against them with the result that two were sunk. The entire crew of one, fortunately, was saved, and they will be repatriated at the first opportunity.

The forces of General de Gaulle attempted to make a landing which was not successful, and when it became plain that only a major operation would secure the fall of Dakar, it was decided to discontinue hostilities. It had never been the intention of His Majesty's Government to enter into serious warlike operations against those Frenchmen who felt it their duty to obey the commands of the Vichy Government.

De Gaulle Proposal

"He therefore proposed to His Majesty's Government that he should proceed there with some troops at his disposal with the goodwill and support of Great Britain."

"His Majesty's Government were all the more ready to afford General de Gaulle this support as information had reached them that German influence was spreading in Dakar."

"Meanwhile, whilst the expedition was on passage the Vichy Government despatched three cruisers from Toulon, which passed through the Straits of Gibraltar and eventually arrived at Dakar."

Turned Back

"It is no part of His Majesty's Government's policy to interfere with the movements of French men-o-war so long as they are not destined for ports under German control. For this reason no hindrance was put in the way of the vessels in question passing through the Straits of Gibraltar."

"When, having done so, they pursued a southerly course they were permitted to proceed. They, therefore, reached Dakar without interference. When later they put to sea again steaming south, it was thought that they might be intending to interfere with the situation existing in French Equatorial Africa which has already declared for de Gaulle."

"Ships of the Royal Navy intercepted their passage and insisted upon their reversing their course which they eventually did, two of them returning to Dakar and the third, which was suffering from engine trouble, being towed by one of His Majesty's ships towards Casablanca."

De Gaulle's Reception

"On the morning of September 23, the emissaries of General de Gaulle, flying the tricolour and a white flag in order to show their French nationality and their peaceful intentions, attempted to land at Dakar and were met with a hostile reception, were fired upon and seriously wounded."

"Batteries of the port opened fire on one of General de Gaulle's warships and subsequently on His Majesty's ships which were standing by in order to render General de Gaulle the

BRITISH STEAMER TORPEDOED

The British steamer "Sulair" (5,802 tons) was torpedoed yesterday according to a report intercepted in New York by Mackay Radio.—Reuter.

ernment to enter into serious warlike operations against those Frenchmen who felt it their duty to obey the commands of the Vichy Government.

General de Gaulle himself was most anxious that he should not be the cause of bloodshed to his fellow-countrymen."

"The forces concerned are, therefore, now being withdrawn from the region of Dakar."

Vichy Statement

A communique issued in Vichy by the French Admiralty says that the attack on Dakar was resumed just after 9 a.m. yesterday, adding: "One of two torpedoed British battleships withdrew from the action with a strong list."

Dealing with Tuesday's operations, the communique repeats details already announced and adds: "In the course of the engagement, our cruisers scored several hits on Barham and Resolution, as well as on a cruiser of the Kent class."

Berlin Report

Berlin put out a report yesterday stating that French planes were continuing to bombard Gibraltar, and adding that units of the French Fleet which had been stationed in the Straits yesterday continued on their course towards the Atlantic.—Reuter.

CANTEENS FOR FACTORIES

Where there is need for communal feeding centres for factory workers steps will be taken by the Ministry of Food to meet the need. Mr. Ascheton, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour, told Mr. Parker (Soc., Romford) in the House of Commons.

FINLAND'S GRAVE BREACH OF NEUTRALITY

Finland has committed a grave breach of neutrality. She is now following the example of Sweden in allowing the passage of German troops and supplies to Norway through her territory.

An official Helsinki announcement says that movements of German troops and the transport of German supplies are taking place between northern Norway and northern Finland, subject to certain conditions and control measures.

A Finnish Government spokesman compares them with transport facilities granted by Sweden last July.

Shortly after the announcement, German troops were landing at Vasa (Nikolaistad), a Finnish port half-way up the Gulf of Bothnia.

From Vasa, a railway runs up along the coast to Tornea, on the Swedish/Finnish border, where it is linked to the line running to Narvik.

escape the attention of the British Fleet, and particularly British submarines.

Finland, in granting this facility, has committed a grave breach of neutrality.—Reuter.

British Minister Lodges Protest

It is officially announced in London that the British Minister at Helsinki has been instructed to protest strongly to the Finnish Government against their action in agreeing to allow German troops to pass through Finland on their way to Northern Norway.

It was stated that this action constitutes a clear breach of neutrality and international law.—Reuter.

Report Confirmed

Reports reaching London from Finland yesterday, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, confirm that it was announced officially in Helsinki on Tuesday that during the next few days German troops going on leave from Norway, will pass through Finland under the joint control of the German and Finnish authorities.—Reuter.

V.C.'S COMMENT OF LONDON

Air Marshal Bishop, Director of Recruiting of the Royal Canadian Air Force and of the Empire air training scheme, who recently arrived in London, said yesterday that the absolute confidence of Londoners is "incredible until you see it."

"It is exactly like being on leave during the last war," he said (He was an "ace" in the Great War.) "Life is going on just as usual."

he went on. "I would never have believed it possible. I had no difficulty getting a taxi during the air raid last night to go to a friend's house, although when I got there a piece of shrapnel broke the sky-light in the hall as I went in."

People went about shopping, and hotels and restaurants were used during air-raids just as though nothing were happening.—Reuter.

DEFENCE AREAS ASSURANCE

Steps have been taken by Sir John Anderson, Home Secretary, to remove the legitimate grievance of those who, despite business or other good reasons, have been prevented by the police from entering defence areas.

Mr. Mabane, Parliamentary Secretary, Home Office, stated in the House of Commons that there was no permit system for entering areas which had been declared defence areas. Visits for pleasure, recreation or holidays were not permitted, "but visits for business purposes and to see sick or aged relatives or evacuated children are not interfered with."

Instructions issued by Regional Commissioners to the police were designed to secure uniformity of practice, but the varying circumstances rendered complete uniformity impracticable.

Sir John Anderson was, however, "satisfied that although in the initial stages some misunderstandings occurred, the intention of the Defence Areas Orders is now generally appreciated, and no person wishing to enter a defence area for any legitimate purpose is likely to be refused entry."

Removal Charges

The Minister of Transport, Sir John Reith, stated in the House of Commons that the Government would take a serious view of any attempt at exploitation of east and south coast families who had been forced to evacuate their homes. He promised that any specific cases of people being charged exorbitantly for furniture removal would be investigated.

HEROIC DEED

A number of New Zealand military officers have cabled their High Commissioner in London asking him to convey their congratulations and admiration to Lieutenant Davies and the party of the bomb disposal unit for work in removing the bomb which threatened fabric of St. Paul's.—British Wireless.

STOCK MARKET SUPPORTED

On the Stock Exchange in London yesterday, gilt-edged securities were strong and active on local buying. Leading industrial and goldmining attracted support but other groups were irregular. Wall Street was easy.—Reuter.

HIGH RATIO OF GERMAN AIR LOSSES

An Air Ministry communique, dealing with yesterday's daylight raids, states that at least 20 enemy aircraft were destroyed in air combat and three more by anti-aircraft guns.

One fighter plane earlier reported missing is safe.

British losses, therefore, were four fighter planes, the pilots of three of them being safe.—Reuter.

FRENCH AGAIN BOMB GIBRALTAR

Reuter's Tangier correspondent states that French bombers passed over Tangier between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. yesterday.

The subsequent bombing of Gibraltar was clearly audible in Tangier.

The French Government at Vichy officially announced that, by way of reprisal, a large French air formation bombarded Gibraltar on Tuesday, dropping 45 tons of bombs on the arsenal and southern part of the south mole.

A large ship in port was hit and a large number of fires were observed.

All the planes returned to their bases despite lively anti-aircraft fire from British guns.

A Gibraltar communique states that four were killed and twelve wounded.—Reuter.

BRITAIN BUYS UP ALL COCOA

The Colonial Office announces the purchase by Britain of the whole forthcoming cocoa crops in the Gold Coast and Nigeria and a West African Cocoa Control Board is being set up to administer the scheme.

Equal treatment will be extended to producers in the French colonies which have adhered to the Free French movement and while plans are being settled the British Government, to provide the immediate resumption of trade in the French Cameroons, is buying 12,000 tons of cocoa as far as possible from stocks of the past crop, 4,500 tons being shipped to Britain immediately.—British Wireless.

R.A.F. RAIDERS FLY DEEP INTO GERMANY

THE FINKENHERRD Power Station which is over 300 miles from Germany's western frontier was located and twice attacked with sticks of high explosive bombs which were seen to burst in and around the target, states the Air Ministry News Service, describing R.A.F. raids on Tuesday night on enemy power stations, aerodromes and sea ports.

The Hanover aerodrome was bombed from a high level but to the north of Emden, a British raider came down to 2,000 feet and dropped bombs on the hangar and runway.

Night flying by the enemy was in progress at the time of the attack. A parachute flare revealed the wreckage of the hangar destroyed in the previous attack.

Other forces of bombers operating at short range kept up nightly hammering on enemy invasion ports, while these long distance raids were being carried out, from Hamburg to Le Havre.

Calais docks were subjected to a series of attacks lasting nearly seven hours.

30 Fires Started

Barges lying alongside and quays were hit, fires and explosions were seen in many parts of the harbour and searchlight batteries on the quays were machine-gunned and extinguished.

Before 3 a.m. yesterday over 30 fires were burning within the docks, two being seen far out to sea.

Raids on Le Havre continued intermittently over the same length of time. Violent explosion marked a direct hit on what appeared to be a harbour power station, German long range gun positions at Cap Gris-Nez were attacked shortly before dawn and a number of hits registered on new emplacements under construction. — Reuter.

Further Operations

Further operations yesterday by aircraft of the Coastal Command are described in an Air Ministry News Service bulletin, which states that Hudson aircraft sank a German supply ship near the Frisian Islands in the early morning.

There were three enemy vessels in convoy and the Hudson made a dive bombing attack on the largest one which was leading. Three bombs made direct hits. The ship was settling down by the stern when the Hudson flew away followed by anti-aircraft fire from the two other vessels.

Brest Attacked

Brest was again attacked, this time by Beauforts and Anson aircraft. They set fire to infantry barracks, damaged the docks and started a vast fire on and around the railway sidings.

When Beauforts raided Cherbourg, they had to contend with extremely bad visibility, but all found their objectives. — Reuter.

Objectives in Heart of Berlin

A number of military objectives in the heart of Berlin were singled out and attacked when R.A.F. heavy bombers for the second night in succession carried the war into the German capital in a raid lasting over two and a half hours.

The raid began shortly after 11.30 p.m. states an Air Ministry bulletin, when the first attacker, evading the intense barrage of the city's ground defences, located and bombed the great Siemens and Halske factories, which produce a large proportion of the electrical equipment used by the German armed forces.

Two great fires were seen to break out in the target area after the bombing. Berlin's electric Wireless.

DUTCH AIR ATTACKS ON U-BOATS

DUTCH AIRMEN, IN PLANES THEY FLEW TO ENGLAND FROM HOLLAND, HAVE ATTACKED SEVERAL U-BOATS IN THE ATLANTIC RECENTLY. IT WAS REVEALED YESTERDAY. THEY HAVE, OF COURSE, A LONG RECORD OF AIR COMBATS.

The Dutch pilots are popular in the R.A.F. messes, where they are regarded as staunch allies and good friends.

Many of them have families in their home country, and all are determined to perform any task which will advance the day when the invader is driven out. — Reuter.

VIOLENT ATTACKS ON U.S.A.

In complete contrast to the attitude taken in July and August, the whole Italian Press is now indulging in violent attacks on the United States.

The Rome correspondent of the "Basler National Zeitung" says that whereas formerly the United States was described as a young and powerful nation with which the Axis Powers only wanted to live in peace, she is now called an old nation, the population of which is increasing chiefly because of the coloured and half-breed sections. — Reuter.

SIX DESTROYERS JOIN CANADA

SIX OF THE 50 DESTROYERS RECENTLY SOLD BY THE UNITED STATES TO BRITAIN HAVE BEEN COMMISSIONED IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY.

Crews on British warships and merchant vessels are to have facilities for getting Canadian money in Canadian ports. — Reuter.

A power transformer and switching station at Friedrichsfelde, supplying most of the city's industrial current, was attacked at 11 a.m. yesterday. Sticks of high explosive bombs were seen to burst across the plant.

A blast furnace in the south-east suburbs was struck, causing large fires. Two sticks were dropped across a canal bridge two miles south-west of Berlin's main airport, Tempelhof. — British

NAZIS AND GIBRALTAR RAID

A GIBRALTAR ANNOUNCEMENT SAYS THAT 100 BOMBS WERE DROPPED ON GIBRALTAR ON TUESDAY FROM 20,000 FEET BY PLANES OF A FRENCH TYPE.

They appeared to number around 20, although Vichy says that 100 planes took part in the raid.

It is interesting to note that the Germans were reporting the raid before it took place!

The raiding planes were engaged by anti-aircraft batteries and warships. Some buildings and roads were damaged and the casualties totalled four killed and 12 wounded. — Reuter.

SUNER'S TALK WITH HITLER

ACCORDING TO THE GERMAN RADIO, SENOR SUNER, LEADER OF THE SPANISH PHALANGISTS, SAW HITLER IN BERLIN YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

They conversed for about an hour. — Reuter.

Herr von Ribbentrop was present at the conversation between Hitler and Senor Suner, Franco's Minister of the Interior, reports the German News Agency — Reuter.

AXIS PLANS FOR DISSOLUTION OF FRENCH EMPIRE

EVENTS AT DAKAR, says the "Yorkshire Post" must be viewed as part of a wide web of strategic manoeuvre stretching from Africa through the Mediterranean to Indo-China.

"In the view of the Axis Powers and Japan, the French Colonial Empire is ripe for dissolution.

Germany and Italy mean to use some of it for establishing a "new order in Africa and the Near East." Japan dreams of a "new order in Asia" which will include the Dutch East Indies and perhaps the Philippines. The Philippines she is trying to secure in Indo-China, are not required merely to help her war on the Chinese.

These far-reaching prospects are hidden from the people of France who are told the Vichy Government is determined to keep the French Empire intact. All the Men of Vichy are, in fact, doing is to preserve all they can for the convenience of the aggressor countries whose intrigues they are powerless to restrain. Ribbentrop's visit to Rome was concerned with Axis plans for action throughout a vast area from Syria to Dakar.

Senor Suner in Berlin is receiving instructions as to the role mapped out for Spain in these ambitious undertakings. She is to be given territory in French Morocco in return for assisting in the assault on Gibraltar.

Mussolini wants Tunis and Syria from France, together with Egypt and the Sudan.

West Africa is reserved for Hitler. He would be able to look across the Atlantic towards

SELFREDGE'S HIT BY BOMBS

The Associated Press building in London was among those damaged during Tuesday night's raid while Selfridge's and the Indian Students' Hostel have also been damaged during recent raids. — Reuter.

MIGRATION OF LONDON FAMILIES

The British Government has decided on a new scheme for taking mothers and children out of the worst hit areas of London, even in cases where their homes are not damaged.

By keeping families together, it is expected that some of the prejudice against leaving will be removed.

At present, nearly half London's school children are still at home.

The scheme is not entirely due to the dangers of bombing, which have been found to be far less than expected. The Government has in mind the dangers to health when people have to spend most of the night in over-crowded shelters.

The plan is in addition to the one already in operation for moving homeless people and their families out of London. — Reuter.

PRACTICAL QUESTION FOR MR. GANDHI

Regret that the leaders of the Indian National Congress had rejected the Viceroy's open offer was expressed by Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary of State for India and Burma, in a speech in London yesterday.

Mr. Amery said: "I fully recognise the sincerity of Mr. Gandhi's pacifist convictions. The practical question is: How is he to reconcile his demand, on his own behalf and on behalf of Congress, of freedom to voice his convictions, with his own statement, which I sincerely welcome, that he does not wish to embarrass Government in its conduct of the war?"

Referring to the coming interview between Lord Linlithgow and Mr. Gandhi, Mr. Amery expressed hope that the outcome might be an agreement with Mr. Gandhi; both with Mr. Gandhi's conscientious objections to war in general and with the Viceroy's no less conscientious conviction and duty to allow nothing to stand in the way of India's wholehearted effort to play her part in the struggle which concerned her present welfare and security and the ideals which her peoples held dear. — Reuter.

DAYLIGHT RAID BY R.A.F.

FOLLOWING THE R.A.F. RAIDS ON CHANNEL PORTS EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING, FURTHER HEAVY EXPLOSIONS WERE HEARD BY PEOPLE ON THE KENTISH COAST LATER IN THE MORNING.

They report that these explosions were the heaviest they have heard since the war began.

Evidently the R.A.F. was carrying out a daylight raid on Channel invasion bases. — Reuter.

SULTAN OF MOROCCO SENDS VIZIER

THE FRENCH RADIO ANNOUNCES THAT THE GRAND VIZIER OF THE SULTAN OF MOROCCO HAS ARRIVED IN VICHY.

The purpose of the visit is not stated. — Reuter.

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ITALIAN BASE BOMBED

A communique issued in Nairobi yesterday states: "Aircraft of the South African Air Force successfully raided Sciasciamanna aerodrome in Abyssinia for the third time in the past fortnight. Heavy bombs fell on the target on the aerodrome and one Italian aircraft on the ground was destroyed."

Normal reconnaissances were carried out by other aircraft. All machines returned safely.

Italian aircraft attempted two raids over Kenya, one at Wajir and one in the Tana River area. No damage is reported but there were a few casualties. — British Wireless.

the Americas, a prospect which the "New York Times" writing on Dakar, has not overlooked. He would be well placed also to set about liberating South Africa with General Hertzog's aid. Dakar is the keypoint of these wide-spread schemes. — British Wireless.

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JAPAN VISUALISES ANGLO-AMERICAN ECONOMIC PRESSURE

ANGLO-AMERICAN economic pressure against Japan in an effort to block Japan's southward progress is seen by the Tokyo "Nichi Nichi" as fast taking form.

The leading Tokyo daily cites as evidence of the growing Anglo-French cooperation in the Southern Pacific and elsewhere: 1. The French possession of New Caledonia, an important source of the supply of nickel to Japan, has joined Britain by pledging allegiance to General de Gaulle, while Australia is endeavouring to cause New Hebrides, Tahiti, Morea to follow New Caledonia's example.

2. Britain is hampering the operations of Japanese merchantmen in the Indian Ocean and African coasts by refusing quantities of water, food, fuel and supplies, while it is reported that Britain is planning the drawing up of a black-list of ships which will be denied Navicerts.

3. Australia, which announced the appointment of the first Minister to Japan on August 18, has been refusing permission for shipments of wool to Japan since July.

The French Islands of Oceania, the "Nichi Nichi" points out, form ideal stepping stones for the extension of a chain of American naval air-bases from Hawaii to Australia which permits America to gain dominance of the south Pacific, thereby preparing for a possible rush toward the Netherlands East Indies. —Reuter.

DEMOCRACY IN CHINA AGAIN POSTPONED

WHILE POSTPONING THE CONVOCAION OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY, THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE KUOMINTANG CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECIDED YESTERDAY TO LET THE PEOPLE'S POLITICAL COUNCIL, WHICH WAS TO BE WOUND UP IN OCTOBER, CONTINUE TO EXIST AS AN ADVISORY ORGAN.

Appointment of Councillors will be completed before the end of November and the date of its convocation will then be announced.

The number of Councillors will be increased from 200 to 220. Instead of every three months, the Council will meet every six months. —Central News.

THEFTS FROM EMPLOYER

CHARGED WITH LARCENY BY SERVANT OF CURIOS, NG SAN-MAN, 20, SHOP FOKI, WAS BOUND OVER AND ORDERED TO PAY \$30 AMENDS. OR SERVE ONE MONTH'S IMPRISONMENT BY MR. E. HIMS WORTH AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING.

Ol Yee-shiu, 30, believed to have instigated the theft and charged with receiving, was also bound over and ordered to pay \$80. amends, or two months.

The articles, valued at \$350.50, consisted of five ivory statues, a red crystal vase, five stone bangles, five stone rings, a jade Buddha, a jade scent tube, two crystal lions, two coral statues, an ivory cow, a red crystal Buddha, six metal brooches and five wooden bangles. They were stolen by first accused during his employment at the San Kee Curio Shop, No. 17, Canton Road. Part of the property, valued at \$249, had been recovered.

BALLOT FOR N.Z. ARMY

SIX THOUSAND NEW ZEALANDERS WILL BE CHOSEN BY BALLOT TO FORM A NEW TERRITORIAL FORCE. THEY WILL BE CHOSEN OUT OF 16,000 MEN WHO ARE LIABLE FOR MILITARY SERVICE.

Other forces will be started in the same way for duty overseas. By the end of the year, New Zealand will have sent 1,465 pilots, observers and air gunners to England and Canada. Already, 1,000 New Zealanders are in the R.A.F. and 18,000 more have volunteered as pilots or technicians.

Mr. Fraser, the New Zealand Premier, says that when the Empire air training scheme reaches its peak, New Zealand will be supplying 900 fully trained pilots and 800 technicians every year. —Reuter.

N.Z. ARMY CHIEF

Major-General Sir Andrew Russell, who participated in the Dardanelles Campaign, has been appointed Inspector-General of the New Zealand military forces, states a Reuter message from Wellington, N.Z.

VARIETY MAY HAVE TO BE SACRIFICED

"If you can't have one thing I will give you another," Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, told the nation in a broadcast in London last night wherein he warned the people that they must not expect to have all things to choose from in the second year of the war that they had in the first year.

Assuring the nation that there would be enough to eat, Lord Woolton said that we had stored for to-day and for the days to come. —Reuter.

BRITISH MISSION TO SOUTH AMERICA

The Brazilian Ambassador gave a luncheon at the Embassy yesterday in honour of Lord Willingdon who is heading the British Economic Mission to South America.

In addition to Lord and Lady Willingdon, others present included Mr. R. H. Brand, members of the Mission, representatives of the Foreign Office and other Government Departments. — Reuter.

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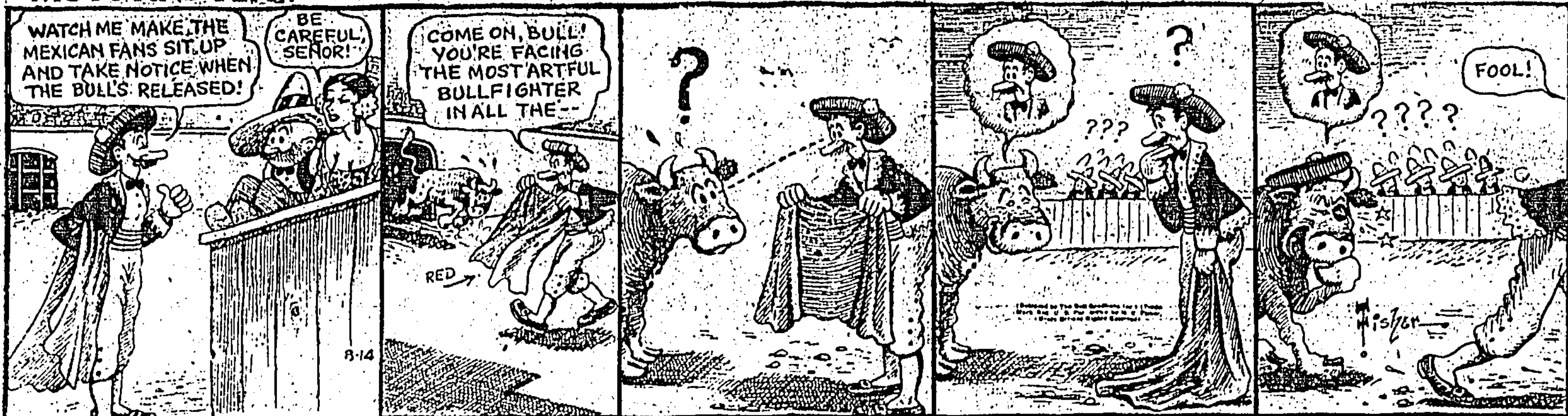
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By BUD FISHER



LIGHTER WORK IN DARK ROOM

A new photographic paper produced by a British firm is likely to revolutionise printing room technique.

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CHARGE AGAINST POLICE AUXILIARY

A DISTRICT WATCHMAN, NG HIN, AND NG PO. 25, WERE CHARGED BEFORE MR. K. M. A. BARNETT THIS MORNING, WITH ROBBERY AND DEMANDING MONEY WITH MENACES.

It was alleged that on August 27, they robbed two Chinese merchants of 40 cabbies of wolfram ore in Connaught Road West and that on September 24, they demanded \$50 from two other Chinese.

Defendants were remanded for 48 hours for further enquiries. Inspector Tuckett is in charge of the case.

STOLE A SAMPAN

Convicted of stealing a sampan from Tsing I Island on Monday, Chan Yu, 42, was fined \$20 or one month by Mr. E. Himsworth this morning.

Accused, who with another man stole the sampan, was seen in the craft in Cheungshawan Bay and was arrested.

ROBBERY AT PEAK HOUSE

Mr. E. Hospes, of No. 378, The Peak, has reported that about 2 a.m. this morning, some person entered his residence and stole a wrist-watch and keys.

CHINESE NEWSPAPER PROSECUTED

TANG TIN-FU, PUBLISHER OF A CHINESE NEWSPAPER, THE "SHEK SHAN PAO," WAS SUMMONED BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELDON, K.C., THIS MORNING BY REUTER'S FOR PUBLISHING MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL'S SPEECH IN THE "SHEK SHAN PAO" ON SEPTEMBER 13 WITHIN 36 HOURS FROM THE TIME OF ITS FIRST PUBLICATION IN THE COLONY.

It was stated that the paper is not a subscriber to Reuter's service and therefore had no right to publish any of Reuter's news despatches within less than 36 hours after first publication.

The summons was jointly against the publisher, and Ling Chung-kok, the editor.

Mr. M. W. Lo, for the prosecution, said that defendants' paper published the speech by Mr. Winston Churchill practically word for word from the "Wah Tse Yat Po."

Mr. Lo also said that as far as the penalty was concerned, he was not pressing the case, and asked only for a conviction to be registered.

Defendants pleaded guilty and were cautioned.

THEFT OF PROVISIONS

Before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, Leung Man 27, coolie, and Yeung Koon-sing, 42, salesman, were convicted of stealing provisions from Lane, Crawford's on Monday.

First defendant was fined \$10 or 14 days, while second defendant was fined \$50 or six weeks.

CARNARVON ROAD BURGLARY

Mr. Leon D'Oby, of No. 11A, Carnarvon Road, has reported that between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. yesterday, his bed-room was entered through an open window, and \$47 in money was stolen.

K.C.R. LOSES PIPE RAILINGS

The Kowloon-Canton Railway has notified the police of the theft of seven lengths of pipe railings from No. 47 Bridge.

WOMEN M.P.'S' ARMY LUNCH

Six women M.P.s paid a visit to the London School for Training Army Cooks and were entertained to lunch prepared by the trainees.

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HORIZONTAL
1 Appellation of Athena
5 Mixture of sand and clay
9 Wolframite
12 To support
14 South American language
15 Shield
16 Window above a door
18 Ancient Greek country
20 Girl's name
21 Hebrew month
22 Artificial language
24 Protecting influence
26 Gratitude
28 Noah's boat
30 Sleeps
32 To hide
33 Levantine sailing vessel
37 Heelless slipper
39 Hawaiian food
40 Fold
42 Paper measure
44 By
45 To sketch
47 To haul

49 French article
51 To check
53 Reptile
56 Approached
59 Snare
60 Pronoun
61 Pettish
63 At present
64 River in France
65 To understand

VERTICAL
1 Skill
2 Meadow
3 Ireland
4 Aspect
5 Exclamation
6 Worthless
7 Land
8 measure
9 Intended
10 Lettuce
11 Ox of Celebes

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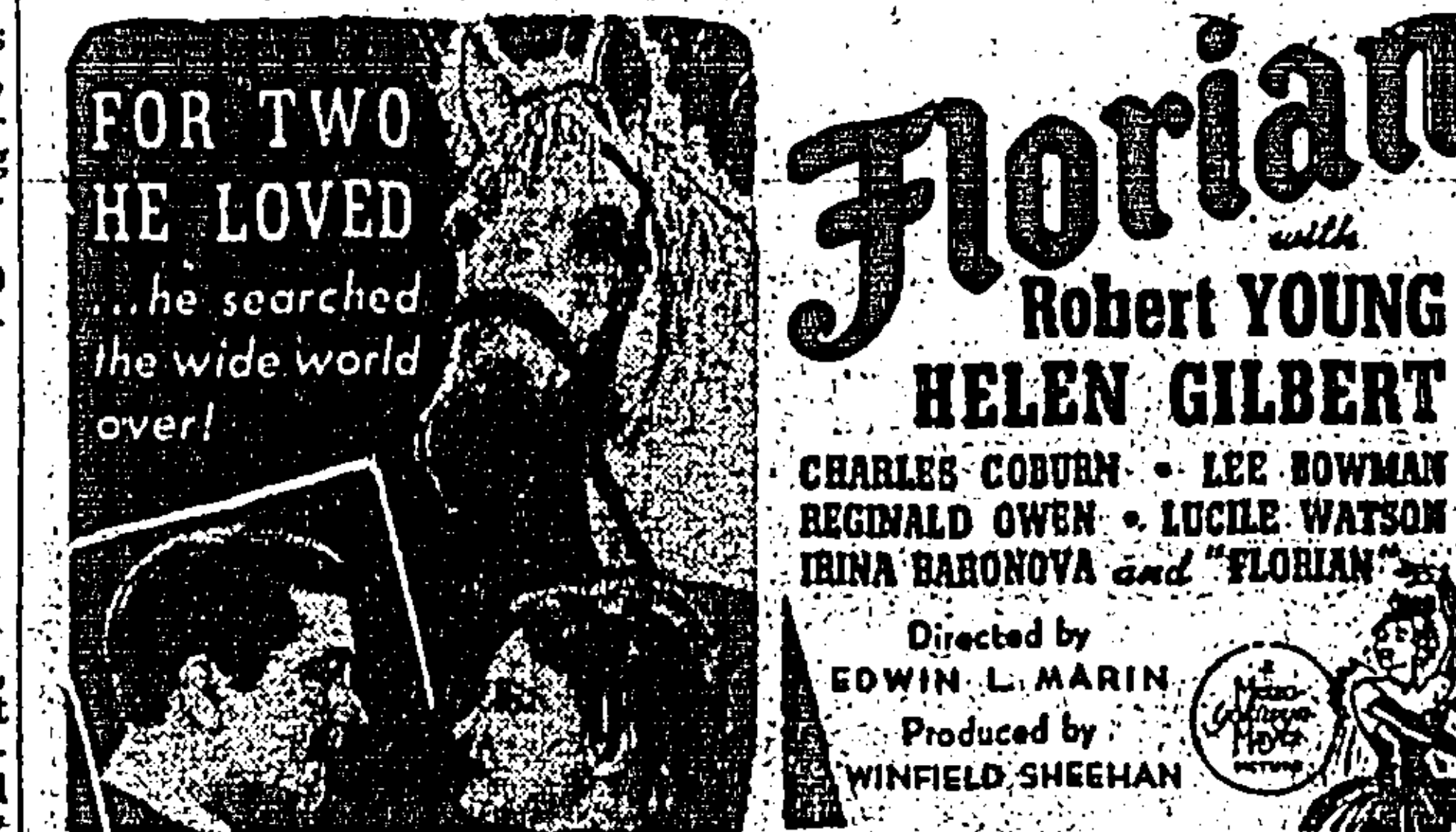


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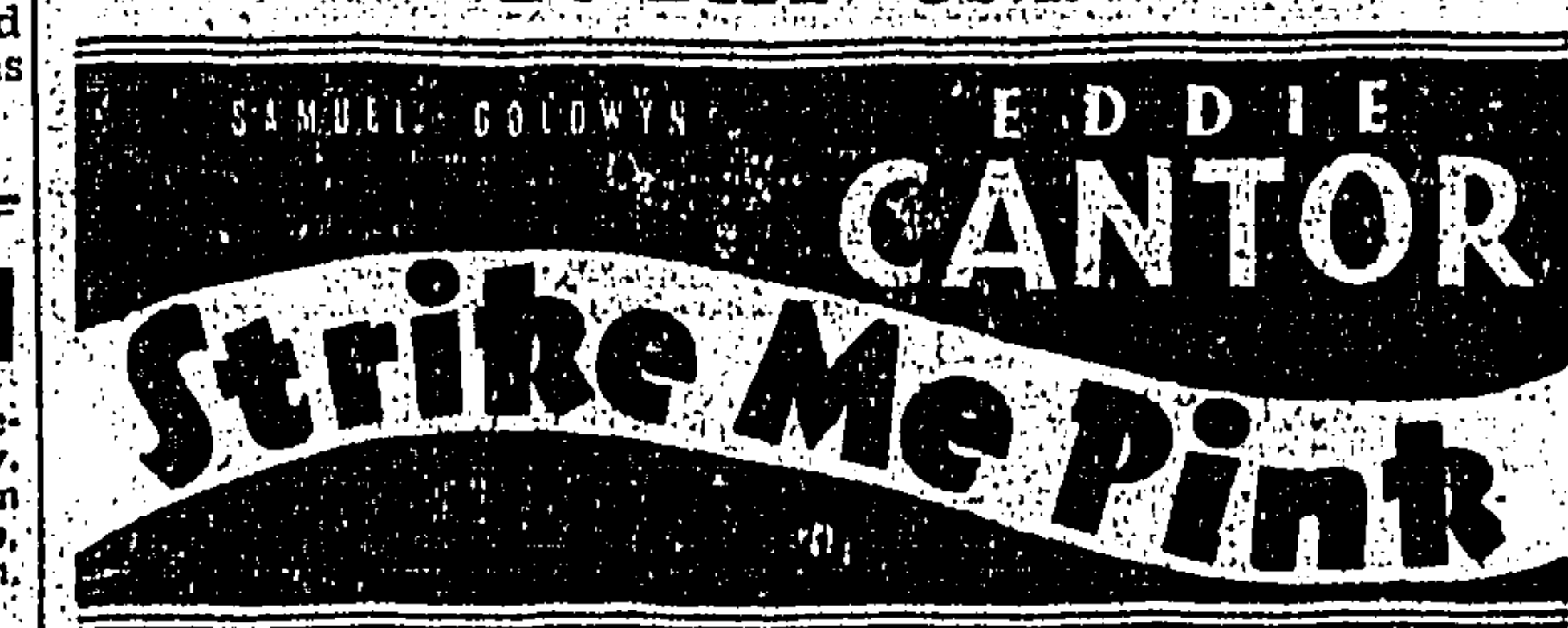
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SHANGHAI IN THROES OF COMPLETE TIE-UP OF TRANSPORT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SHANGHAI'S millions are to-day experiencing for the second day an almost total lack of public transport facilities.

As early as 7 a.m., crowds gathered at bus and tram stops to catch one of the few cars run by volunteers replacing the striking staff.

Employer/employee negotiations were carried on until late last night, but have not yet succeeded in reaching a solution.

Meanwhile, Wang Ching-wei's paper "Central China Daily News" comments:—

"This is not an ordinary strike but the effect of all the evils of Chungking's determination to carry on the war and the unreasonable status of the foreign areas.

"We assure the strikers of our entire support and congratulate them on the pacific and civilised way they took to carry out their claims.

"We are ready to assist them."

Attack On Tram

Several incidents took place this morning, the most serious occurring at the corner of Avenues Du-bail and Joffre, when 30 strikers attacked a tram, compelling the police to fire. One man was wounded.

Several cases have occurred in which lime has been thrown in the eyes of strike-breakers.—Havas.

Terrorist Attempt: Grenade Thrown

A terrorist attempt — fortunately without the loss of life — occurred yesterday afternoon in Shanghai when an unknown man threw a hand grenade against a tram in the French Concession manned by strike-breakers.

The grenade exploded some distance from the tram, merely scratching a pedestrian.

Traffic of both the Settlement and Concession has been greatly reduced by the decision of the French employees to join the strike of employees of trams and buses in the Settlement.

Political Character

They are asking for increased wages, but the opinion is current in Shanghai that the strike is more or less of a political character.

The employees presented 23 demands and the company said it was ready to meet them to a certain extent. No further negotiations are reported.

The French trams are maintaining a skeleton service on the main route under police protection.—Havas.

AMERICAN LEGION CALLS FOR AID TO BRITAIN

In Boston yesterday, the National Defence Committee of the American Legion recommended that the United States should give "all practicable aid to Britain."

They further urged that a permanent military training system be established in the United States and adopted a programme which in effect declares war on all subversive activities and asks for rigid control of all aliens in the country.—Reuter.

SENEGAL'S LOYALTY TO VICHY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It is announced in Vichy that M. Galandou Diouf, Negro "M.P." for Senegal, has wired Marshal Petain and the Vichy Colonial Secretary, Admiral Platon, affirming Africa's fidelity to Vichy France.—Havas.

H.K. FREE FRENCHMEN FOREGATHER

An enjoyable function was held yesterday in the "Jacobean room" of the Hong Kong Hotel when there was a gathering of 35 men and women members of the Free Frenchmen organisation in Hong Kong including the contingent of French "volontaires" with their Commanding officer, Lieutenant Bernard.

This gathering was given to celebrate the departure from Hong Kong of the first French "volontaire" sent by the newly formed Committee, this privilege going to Mr. L. Page, Warrant Engineer of the French Navy.

Mr. Page is going to England where he will join the Legion of General de Gaulle. Mrs. Page is leaving with her husband.

Two speeches were delivered, the first by Mr. L. Biau, President of the Committee of Free Frenchmen, exhorting his compatriots to follow the example of Mr. Page and to enroll with the Legion of General de Gaulle, and expressing his confidence in the final victory of Great Britain and France. A toast was then proposed to France and General de Gaulle.

Replying, Mr. Page thanked the Committee for financial and moral support.

A sum of \$910 was contributed by the Committee to help some "volontaires" and particularly two from Shanghai who boarded a ship at the last minute.

The Committee has received a letter from the head of the Free Frenchmen organisation in Shanghai where all support is given by the British authorities. It is hoped that in the near future, and following instructions issued by the French National Committee in London, departure from Hong Kong of volunteers will be carried out rapidly and the cost of their passage be paid by the French National Committee in London.

SCOTLAND SHAKEN BY TREMOR

A MAN HAVING A MEAL IN HIS HOME WAS THROWN FROM HIS CHAIR ACROSS THE TABLE WHEN AN EARTH TREMOR WAS FELT IN PARTS OF CENTRAL SCOTLAND.

Buildings were shaken, crockery fell from shelves, and furniture was moved. The tremor lasted some seconds.

No serious damage has been reported.

The tremor was felt most violently in the Denny district of Stirlingshire.

In Glasgow chairs and desks in offices were moved, and some women in the top flat of a high building of offices ran downstairs in alarm.

H. K. SWEEPS BANNED IN MACAO

The sale of Hong Kong Sweepstake tickets has been banned in Macao, according to instructions received by the Macao Government from Portugal yesterday prohibiting the sale of all foreign sweepstake tickets in Portuguese and Portuguese territory.—Our Own Correspondent.

THE POPE'S WORK FOR SOLDIERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Pope has decided to take up personally the direction of the services he has created for improving the lot of French prisoners, suffering civilians and refugees, says a Vatican message:

He communicated his decision to M. Wladimir Ormesson, the French Ambassador, to whom he gave an audience yesterday for the fourth time in one month.

A committee has been formed by the Pope to help materially distressed Frenchmen, particularly prisoners in concentration camps, who receive warm clothing, extra food and books.

A special service has also been created for re-establishing communications between the prisoners and their families.

French circles in Vichy are deeply appreciative of the fact that the Pope's efforts are continued despite the fact that the overworked Pontiff is disobeying the orders of doctors, who have commanded him to take a rest.—Havas.

M. SAUTOT SACKED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

M. Henri Sautot, high functionary of the French Colonies and France's representative on the governing commission of the New Hebrides, which were placed under Franco-British condominium, has been dismissed from the Civil Service by Vichy and deprived of his functions.

It will be recalled that the French members of the New Hebrides have announced their loyalty to General de Gaulle and Free France.—Havas.

A TYPHOON NEARS LUZON

The Royal Observatory reports that feeble anticyclonic areas cover N. China and Japan and a shallow depression is indicated about 150 miles east of the Yangtse mouth. The typhoon is situated about 750 miles east of North Luzon moving north-westward.

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AUTHORITY AND FREEDOM

In such a time as this, men cannot too often be reminded that democracy is endangered on two fronts — on the external front where an avowed enemy is attacking, and on an internal front where authority may exceed its functions and turn tyrant. There have recently occurred in Great Britain certain incidents which happily were recognised in their true light and quickly dealt with, but which serve to show how necessary it is to preserve a right balance between liberty and authority.

When that balance is preserved you have true democracy, but when weighted on the one side it becomes anarchy, on the other Fascism or Nazism. In their origin these two excesses are not always easily distinguishable. Arbitrary action on the part of those in authority may be the consequence of some outburst of popular feeling or misplaced zeal.

When people in Great Britain saw the disasters suffered in Norway, the Netherlands, and France through the action of enemy aliens and fifth columnists there was a general demand for the internment of all persons who might be a source of danger. The military authorities pressed the case for preventive measures, with the result that large numbers of German men who were exiles friendly to Great Britain were peremptorily subjected to internment. Happily there was an immediate reaction of public opinion, Parliament and press took the matter up, and Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary, agreed to reform the procedure.

A similar case of undue severity arose from observation of the harm that had been done by defeatist talk in France. Certain overzealous Ministers in Britain issued a regulation to prevent the "spreading of gloom and despondency," an unnecessary measure which merely led to foolish and frivolous convictions. Mr. Winston Churchill, humorously rebuked the authors of these well-meant endeavours, and instructed the Home Secretary to review the sentences.

Neither of these incidents proved, or was likely to prove, a matter of lasting importance. But

The word "English" is used much more than it should be. For instance, I would say that among my English friends there are many Scotsmen and Irishmen. For English I ought to say British, but generally I don't. Even the word English is often used to represent the British Isles, which are composed, as you all know, of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

Thirty-six years ago George Bernard Shaw, whom I would call one of my English friends although he is an Irishman, wrote a play about his own country and called it "John Bull's Other Island." Like all his political plays, it was not intended to solve the Irish question.

The two chief characters in the play are an Englishman and an Irishman, and to the disgust of his countrymen, the Englishman turns out to be the hero of the piece, and in the end gets engaged to the heroine, who was originally the girl friend of the Irishman!

According to Mr. Shaw's own confession, the play was written at the request of Mr. William Butler Yeats, as a patriotic contribution to the repertoire of the Irish Literary Theatre. Mr. Yeats, who died not very long ago, was one of the founders of the Abbey Theatre in Dublin, and many people regard him as the greatest poet of the present time. "Like most people who have asked me to write plays," went on Mr. Shaw, "Mr. Yeats got rather more than he bargained for. The play was at that time beyond the resources of the New Abbey Theatre." Though this sounded a little conceited, it was but characteristic of Shaw on paper. Sir James Barrie once said jokingly to me: "I can imagine Shaw waking up in the morning in his bed, stretching up his arms and shouting, 'Hurrah, I am Bernard Shaw!'" Of course Barrie was only joking, for Shaw in private life does not in the least resemble the impression of him which his writings appear to give to the world.

The play was not accepted in Dublin, but was successfully produced in London. Shaw said there was another reason for changing the destination of "John Bull's Other Island." "It was," he said, "uncongenial to the whole spirit of the Neo-Gaelic movement, which is bent on creating a new Ireland after its own ideal, whereas my play is a very uncompromising presentation of the real old Ireland."

I knew Yeats, and had occasions to quarrel with him, though on my part they were rather mild quarrels, about Japan and China. Therefore I can quite imagine the quarrel Shaw and Yeats had over this play and the Irish question!

I spent the last few days of 1935 in Dublin, when one of my plays was being produced at the Gate Theatre there. Though I have a very pleasant memory of my short stay there, I cannot easily forget the offensive spirit and love of argument I noticed everywhere in the country. At Trinity College—which is the Oxford and Cambridge of Ireland—I met a professor of physics who asked me whether it was true that nearly everybody in China could write poetry. I took it as a compliment and answered in the affirmative. He then immediately added: "What a great amount of rubbish you must have!"

At that time Gate Theatre in Dublin was run by the Earl of Longford and Hilder Edwards. The next time I saw Lord Longford in London, he told me quite calmly that he had quarrelled with Hilder Edwards and that he had formed his own company. Miss Ria Mooney, who was the leading lady at the Gate at that time, told me that she used to be at the Abbey Theatre. She said that once she was in a play by Sean O'Casey, and the public did not like her in the part. She received many threatening letters and there were several attempts to kidnap her. On the first night stones and other things were thrown at her on the stage, and the performance couldn't go on. They had to drag Mr. Yeats from

they do serve to show how necessary it is that democracy should be ceaselessly vigilant against the appearance within of the enemy that it is fighting without.

"John Bull's Other Island"

his home to the theatre to give a fierce attacking lecture to the audience, telling them to behave and that they ought to be ashamed of themselves!

Now, when you know a little of the ways of these Irish people, you can perhaps understand the difficulty of the Irish question. I'm not going to give you a full history of Ireland, but I want merely to mention that for many years the Irish question has been

By
S. I. HSIUNG

giving the British Government a headache. Before the last world war troubles were brewing, and at last Home Rule for Ireland became the policy of the British Government. Mr. Churchill, the present Prime Minister, was at that time the First Lord of the Admiralty. He was in favour of Home Rule and went to Belfast to speak about it. Alas, he had to speak in a football field, because the population in Northern Ireland did not want Home Rule, and refused him the Ulster Hall.

Even in 1916, when some of the Irish leaders decided to declare an independent Irish Republic, and seized the General Post Office in Dublin as their headquarters, the people in Northern Ire-

land were siding with the English. In 1921 the Irish Free State was established but up to the present the six counties in Northern Ireland remain loyal to the British Government.

Though the area of Ireland is under thirty-three thousand square miles, in fact less than a third of the Kwangtung Province, and its population is but a little over four million, about a ninth of that in Kwangtung, the situation in this little island is at present threatening the safety of the British Empire. The Irish Free State occupies four-fifths of the island, and has three-quarters of its population. Since the beginning of the present war she has declared a strict neutrality. Her army, navy and air force amount to nothing if Herr Hitler chooses to invade the island. The six counties of Northern Ireland, misleadingly called Ulster, occupy about six thousand square miles. Even if the British force in that area have the cooperation of those of the Irish Free State, the island will still be a very vulnerable spot in defence.

Now, the greatest difficulty at the moment is that they are not likely to patch up their old differences and join hands in preparing their defence. The Irish Free State, in which the people are mostly Catholics, would only agree to cooperation with the Northerners, who are mostly Protestants, if the Northerners would agree to come in and join the Free State, in spite of the example of Norway, Holland and Belgium, they

still believe that maintaining strict neutrality will put Herr Hitler off. Furthermore, they proclaim that the first country sending soldiers to Ireland will be regarded as their bitter enemy and will be resisted with all their strength. Now this puts England in a very difficult position. It means that if Germany is going to invade Ireland—and I am sure Herr Hitler will not hesitate to do so the moment he thinks it suits his purpose—England must wait until the invasion has commenced, just as in the cases of Holland and Belgium. And again the initiative will be in Germany's hands!

The fact that there are many pro-German elements in Ireland must not be disguised. There have already been many outrages in England and Ireland perpetrated by the men of the Irish Republican Army, known usually as the I.R.A. Though Mr. De Valera, the President of the Irish Free State, was one of the former leaders of the I.R.A., the organisation has been declared illegal and has now become a kind of secret band of gangsters which no longer obeys his orders. Besides which, Mr. De Valera himself has quite a number of political enemies who are working against him. There are people in Ireland who would work for the Nazis rather than for either the English or the Irish themselves.

However, there is one other factor which must not be overlooked. Germany, in invading Ireland, would not have the advantages she had in the invasion of Scandinavia and the Low Countries. Those nations were next to her, while Ireland is a long way away. Germany would find that her navy and air force would have a very long and vulnerable line of communication, which would be extremely difficult to protect and to maintain. While the English forces could reach Irish shores in a few hours, the Germans would have a long and dangerous voyage ahead of them. Herr Hitler will have to think twice before he acts.

Truth & Falsehood In Air Reports

In the newspapers of neutral countries, you may see side by side the British and the German communiques about the previous day's air battles. The British figures of losses will show, perhaps, 60 German planes definitely destroyed, while 20 of our fighters were lost. The German claims will be the reverse of this—76 British planes destroyed, 12 Germans failed to return. The sceptical neutral is tempted to believe neither. He either rinses his mind of the whole business,

By Britannicus

or adds up and divides by two, making the losses about equal.

This suits the Nazis well. They neither need nor expect their air communiques to be believed, provided they cause the British communiques to be disbelieved. For they know their reputation for lying to be so well established that one more lie cannot enhance it. And if the impression left on the outsider's mind is a 50-50 air contest, the Nazis are well pleased. Equal losses must leave the final advantage with the Power which starts with the larger number of planes. Moreover, to the destruction of British planes must be added any damage done by the German bombers, and this tips the scale of the battle on their side. Hence the Nazi practice is to reverse the British reports almost exactly in their own claims.

How Air Ministry Communiques Are Constructed

How, then, can Britain prove to those sceptical neutrals that her own figures are true—indeed, modest? The battles take place high in the air, usually over the sea, at unforeseeable places. To eye-witness of the whole scene is impossible.

Nor could complete proof be assured if neutral representatives were posted at the aerodromes from which the defensive fighter planes rose to the battle. If they did their sceptical job well, they would ask themselves whether there were not other aerodromes from which fighters set out and

to which some failed to return—an impossible point to prove without attaching a huge corps of neutral observers to the whole British air force. Even so, there would be no watertight, independent proof of the number of German planes brought down.

Look for a moment at the way the British communiques of air battle off the coast are constructed. As soon as a fighter pilot lands he makes a verbal report, and is keenly questioned by an Intelligence Officer. Any discrepancy in his story from those of his companions would be easily discovered. The most boastful pilot knows that it would not do to inflate his claims. Found out he would be disgraced, not only officially but also in the regard of his fellow airmen. They are an intensely modest body of men to whom bragging would be a gross breach of tradition. Someone who had heard a squadron of fighter pilots give their reports recently said it was a "competition in understatement."

Time Will Show

From these individual reports the enemy's losses are added up, including only those for which there is clear and corroborated evidence. Many an actual "score" has been missed through eliminating the merely probabilities.

The numbers of our own planes lost are obviously known. They are never concealed. Remember, too, that the claims of the pilots who fail to return are never heard. Here is another source of understatement of the German losses.

The result is the British Air Ministry communique. Time, if it does not daily prove, will gradually affirm its truthfulness. No one now believes German claims of British warships sunk, because the Nazi propagandists have already sunk more large ships than there were in the whole Royal Navy; yet the Navy still commands the seas. So with the air claims. Before long the German communiques will have destroyed the whole Royal Air Force. But by that time the R.A.F. will have established its supremacy beyond question, and the truth of British reports of air battles will have been proved by the manifest defeat of the Nazi Luftwaffe.

For Mastery Of The Skies

Over England the great battle between the Royal Air Force, the best in the world, and the German Air Force, the largest in the world, has begun.

Although the character of the Nazis' targets is obvious, the strategic purpose of the attacks is not yet clear.

(1) They may be intended simply to damage Britain's sea-borne trade and to create for her economic difficulties.

(2) They may be in the nature of a reconnaissance in force to test defences with a view to reaching a decision whether invasion is or is not feasible.

(3) They may be attempts by air process of attrition to wear down the air defences before making a maximum air attack or attempting invasion.

Whatever the enemy's intentions, the results he has achieved must be surely disappointing to him. The R.A.F. has met the attacks magnificently.

Though always challenging, superior numbers, the fighter squadrons have inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy at relatively small loss to themselves.

The ratio of certain losses has varied from 3 to 1 to 5 to 1. In addition many damaged enemy aircraft have probably failed to get home.

Encouraging features of the combats have been:

(1) that the enemy's mass formations have proved clumsy and unmanageable;

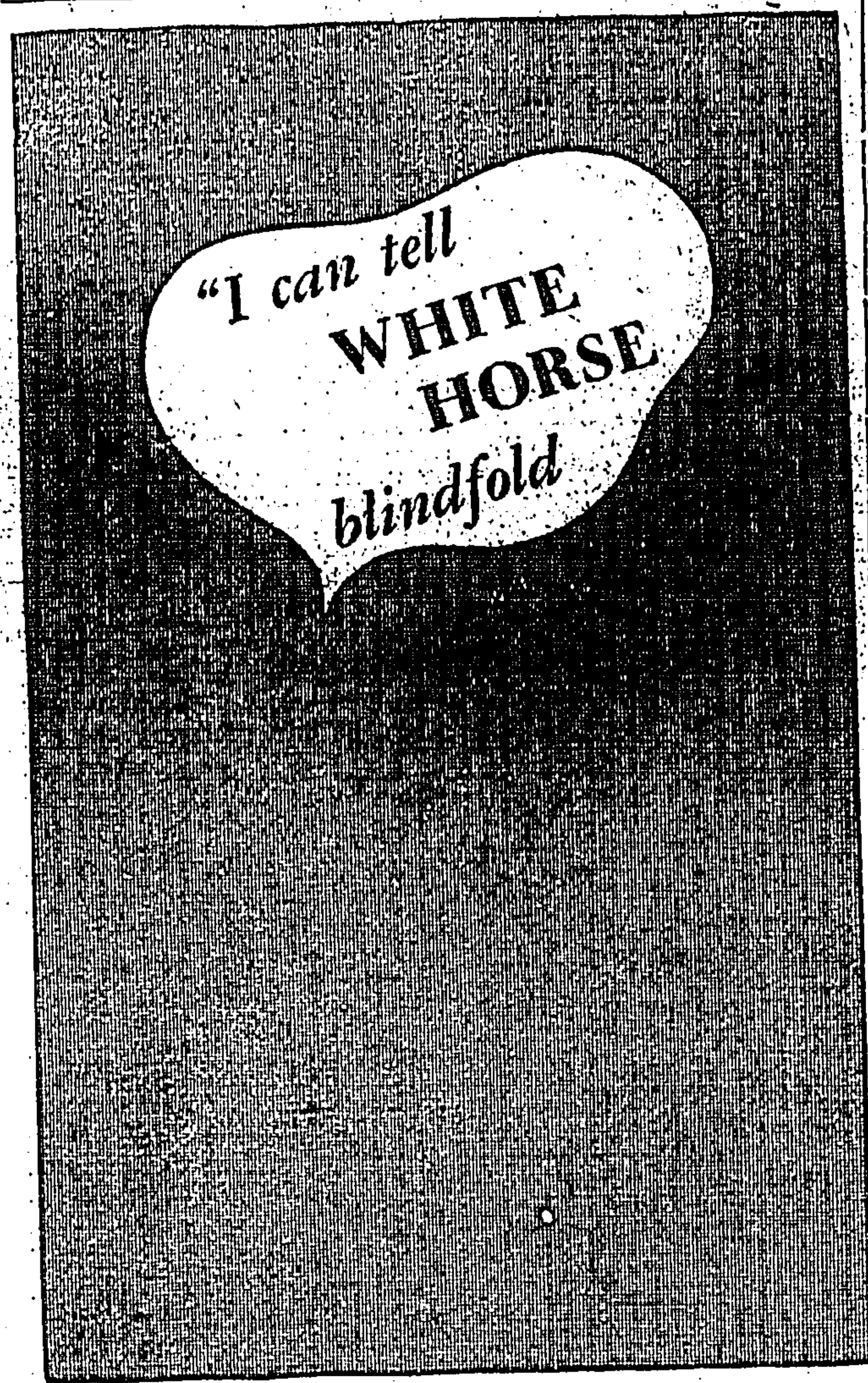
(2) that a fair number of the enemy's pilots show little disposition to fight;

(3) that our anti-aircraft batteries are gaining in efficiency and are bringing down an increasing number of the enemy.

The results achieved have been an inspiration not only to the Nazi propagandists but also to the whole country.

They have produced a marked effect on neutral countries and on seas. So with the air claims. Before long the German communiques will have destroyed the whole Royal Air Force. But by that time the R.A.F. will have established its supremacy beyond question, and the truth of British reports of air battles will have been proved by the manifest defeat of the Nazi Luftwaffe.

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CASUALTY TOLL IN WEST COUNTRY PORT

TWENTY-THREE enemy aircraft of which most were bombers were shot down over England up to 8 p.m. yesterday.

Four British fighters were lost but three pilots are safe, states a joint Air Ministry and Home Security communique, which adds that enemy aircraft crossed the Dorset coast yesterday and attacked Bristol.

Bombs were dropped near the coast and in the outskirts of Bristol, causing some damage and killing and injuring a number of people.

There has also been some minor enemy activity over south-east England but reports indicate little damage and few casualties. The enemy was engaged by British fighters at all points.

Systematic Counter

Continuing, the communique states that throughout Tuesday night, our bombers continued their systematic attacks on enemy invasion ports including Delfzijl, Ostend, Calais, Cherbourg and Le Havre.

Many fires and explosions resulted.

In addition to attacks on Berlin, as already reported, other forces of our aircraft attacked an electric power station at Finkenheerd near Frankfurt-on-Oder, railway communications near Magdeburg, goods-yards at Hamm and Brussels gun emplacements at Cap Gris Nez and several aerodromes.

An aircraft of the Coastal Command attacked a convoy of enemy vessels off Terschelling on Tuesday night. One of the vessels was hit by three bombs and was left sinking. Two of our aircraft were lost in night operations. — Reuter.

TRADE OF U.K.

Exports of the United Kingdom goods in August were valued at £32,554,729 against £31,189,244 in July and £37,076,974 a year ago.

Imports totalled £95,019,855 against £87,007,530 in the previous month and £81,073,119 in August last year.

Re-exports in these periods were respectively £1,391,968, £1,819,264 and £4,488,371.

For the first eight months of this year, imports were £792,927,723. Exports at £312,630,969 showed an increase of £3,726,953 over the first eight months of 1938.

Re-exports valued at £22,586,168 are £13,717,660 down on the same period of 1939. — British Wireless.

POLAND HAS NOT ABANDONED HOPE

M. Mackiewicz, President of Poland, completing a tour of Polish units in the West Country, visited the Polish destroyers.

Addressing the officers and men of the Polish depot ship, Gdynia, the president said: "Poland is suffering but has not abandoned hope of throwing off her chains." — British Wireless.

LATEST AIRCRAFT FUND GIFTS

Latest gifts towards the purchase of aircraft include £16,886 from the people of the southern province of New Zealand and £10,000 from the people of Tasmania. — British Wireless.

WONDERFUL AIR RECORD OF CANADA IN LONDON DEFENCE

A WONDERFUL RECORD in the defence of London has been achieved by fighter pilots of the original "All Canadian" Squadron of the Royal Air Force, formed in England, says Reuter's Air Correspondent.

It was revealed last night that for the past fortnight they figured in six fights. Fifty-five enemy aircraft is their total bag. This represents a loss of some 140 men to the German Air Force. The Canadians lost only two men.

On September 18 the "All Canadians" helped to give the German bomber force the biggest beating of any which have tried to reach the capital in daylight.

Together with Spitfire and other Hurricane pilots they met the enemy—flying in two large formations at 17,000 feet—well out over the Thames Estuary.

Leading the attack they dived on the first group of about 20 bombers which at the start were in close formation, split them up and shot down nine Dornier 17's and five Junkers 88's.

The squadron-leader said: "The sky seemed to be full of Spitfires and Hurricanes queuing up to attack enemy aircraft. It was the finest shambles I have ever been in. We had position, height and numbers. The enemy were a dirty looking collection."

On September 17, when the air battle for the factories, docks, railways in the greater London area began with a mass attack by daylight, the Canadians chased a large formation from East London to the coast and shot down four Dornier 215 bombers, six Messerschmidt 110 fighter-bombers and two single-seater fighters.

The last occasion a mass attack was made, on September 15, "both the 'All Canadians' and pilots of the First Royal Canadian Air Force squadron to reach England, did their share in bringing up the record number of 185 enemy aircraft claimed by the R.A.F. They fought side by side in several recent battles." — Reuter.

THE GEORGE CROSS DESIGN

Designs for the George Cross—the new mark of honour for civilian men and women—will be considered in the next few days. Artists and designers have been invited to submit ideas and the final choice will rest with the King. — British Wireless.

AUSTRALIANS JOIN AIR FORCE

The Sydney radio reports that another batch of South Australians has been called up under the Empire air training scheme for training as pilots in the Royal Australian Air Force. — Reuter.

JUGOSLAV ANTI-BRITISH GESTURE

A further example of the pressure exercised on the Yugoslav Press is provided by the authorities' suppression of the daily news sheet issued by the British-controlled news agency Britanov, and the pro-British Serbo-Croat periodical Britannia.

CHANGES IN FOOD RATIONING

The Minister of Food, explaining the changes in food rations in a broadcast speech, warned listeners, "during the second year of war, you must not expect to have all the things to choose from that you have had in the first year."

"I am sure when you realise that, quite suddenly, we lost all the supply of butter, eggs, bacon and condensed milk that used to come from our main sources of supply—Holland and Denmark—you will agree that during this last year we have had everything we could expect."

Talking of the second year of war, Lord Woolton said: "You will have enough to eat, but I shall have to ask you to be prepared for temporary changes from time to time. If you cannot have one thing we will give you another. We must be flexible. For example we now have to bring butter from the Southern Hemisphere instead of from Denmark. It is a long way."

Supplies begin to arrive about November and our stocks in this country are running down a bit, so I ask you to use a little more margarine until the stocks of butter arrive.

Our meat stocks on other hand are really very good and while continuing to be prudent, we can release a bit more so that for a time you will be able to have 2/2d worth on each coupon (the present ration being 1/10d).

Lord Woolton concluded: "There need be no doubts and no questionings."

"The food services of this country will see us through and I know that the women of the country will not be failing in care and consideration in helping them do it." — British Wireless.

NAZI PILOT GUNS BRITISH WOMEN

SIX WOMEN CROUCHED against the wall of a shop while a German airman dived near the ground and machine-gunned them. Only one was slightly hurt.

This murderous attack was made during raids on Britain in which a number of people were killed and four enemy planes at least — two bombers and two fighters — were destroyed.

The women were attacked in a raid on the south-east.

Bullets hit the roof of the shop and the wall within inches of where the women were huddled. One bullet ricocheted from the wall and tore through the silk stockings of a young waitress. Her leg was grazed.

Tried To Murder Us

Soon Spitfires approached and the German flew out to sea.

"The Germans tried to murder us as we stood helpless," the injured girl said. "He swooped down on us at a terrifying speed. I thought he was crashing till he started to fire.

"He tried to hit an old man who was pushing a handcart in the road. The man got under his cart and the bullets whizzed over him.

"With other women I ran for cover and then the German had another go at us."

Another German plane was driven off as the pilot apparently attempted to repeat the sky-writing exploit of a comrade who several days ago drew a swastika in the sky.

The German had completed one stroke when a fierce barrage of anti-aircraft fire drove him off.

MINERS VOTE FOR THE GOVT.

"There are between 200 and 300 Tory M.P.s who declare they will not support Mr. Churchill if Mr. Chamberlain is not in the Government."

Mr. Arthur Horner said this when he moved a "Chamberlain must go" resolution from South Wales at the conference of the Mineworkers' Federation of Great Britain in Blackpool.

"The whole thing is rotten with treachery," added Mr. Horner.

The South Wales resolution was defeated by 430,000 votes to 161,000.

A letter read at the conference showed that the Labour Party leaders, who at first refused to enter the Government because it contained Mr. Chamberlain, now hold the view that the "Chamberlain must go" demand is "disruptive."

The letter was from Mr. J. Middleton, secretary of the Labour Party.

It stated: "At the present moment, when the danger of Nazi invasion is engaging the attention of the Government and all responsible sections of the community, this is not the proper time to promote a policy of disunity and disruption."

DUBLIN COURT ACQUITTAL

Mrs. Iselt Stuart, of Laragh Castle, Co. Wicklow, a daughter of Mrs. Maud Gonne McBride, the Irish Republican leader, was acquitted by the Special Criminal Court in Dublin. The hearing was in camera, and she had been charged with assisting to interfere with the apprehension of a person who had committed an offence under the Emergency Powers Act, 1939.

PRODUCE THE 'PLANES: WE'LL DO THE REST

Air Marshal Sir Arthur Barratt revealed yesterday that on the Sunday before last, when the R.A.F. claimed 185 German planes were destroyed, 47 more "almost certainly came down" and seventeen more were damaged.

Sir Arthur Barratt, appealing to thousands of men and women workers in the south-east area to produce planes, promised them: "You produce the planes and we of the Air Force will do the rest."

The Air Marshal, who was commander-in-chief of the R.A.F. in France before the French collapse, said that the downfall of their ally was entirely due to the fact that they could not think of anything but defence.—Reuter.

KENTISH EPISODE

People of a Kentish market town showed instant appreciation when a fighter pilot saved a neighbouring village by refusing to jump from his shattered Hurricane above it.

They started a Fighter Fund. They had seen the Hurricane coming down with flames darting from it. No sooner had it landed south of the town, states an Air Ministry bulletin, than the petrol tanks exploded.

The pilot had just scrambled to safety with slight head injuries.

Before being hit by a Messerschmidt cannon-shell during a dog-fight, he had shot down a Messerschmidt 109 in flames. The same afternoon, another fighter pilot, a Squadron Leader, who had destroyed one, probably two, Messerschmidt 109s, landed near the same town—by parachute—with an injured foot and soaked in petrol.

While the wound was dressed, police put the parachute on show and began collecting for the town's Spitfire Fund.—British Wireless.

DEFENCE PLANS THE BEST POSSIBLE

Britain's plans for defence schemes include all protective measures practicable and make the best use of our resources, Mr. Eden, War Minister, told the House of Commons.

Mr. Eden said that in some cases private individuals have erected defence works without consulting military authorities, and many of them have had to be dismantled, as they were ill-sited. The military authorities should be consulted in all cases before the works are undertaken.

NAZIS SEEK BOX DROPPED BY R.A.F.

Nazi authorities in Amsterdam have offered a £6,750 reward for the recovery of a mystery box which was dropped by parachute on the city by a British airman.

The city is placarded with reward posters, and the German-controlled newspaper in Amsterdam demands that the box be handed to the Nazi chiefs.

JAPANESE ARMY WAR ON MANHOOD SUFFRAGE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The abolition of universal manhood suffrage in Japan is advocated by the Tokyo paper "Kokumin Shimbun," which declares that the disappearance of the Diet following the new political structure must be accompanied by the cancellation of voting rights hitherto granted to ordinary citizens.

The enforcement of manhood suffrage, says the paper, was mainly responsible for the loss of the real value of the Diet.

Public opinion should be encouraged towards the abolition of universal suffrage and the resumption of a restrictive election.

"All the evils" attendant on universal suffrage should be eliminated and steps contributing to the promotion of political power, prestige, dignity, the raising of efficiency and concentration on total national strength should be taken.

This would be a cardinal point permeating the whole re-organisation of the nation, the paper concludes.—Havas.

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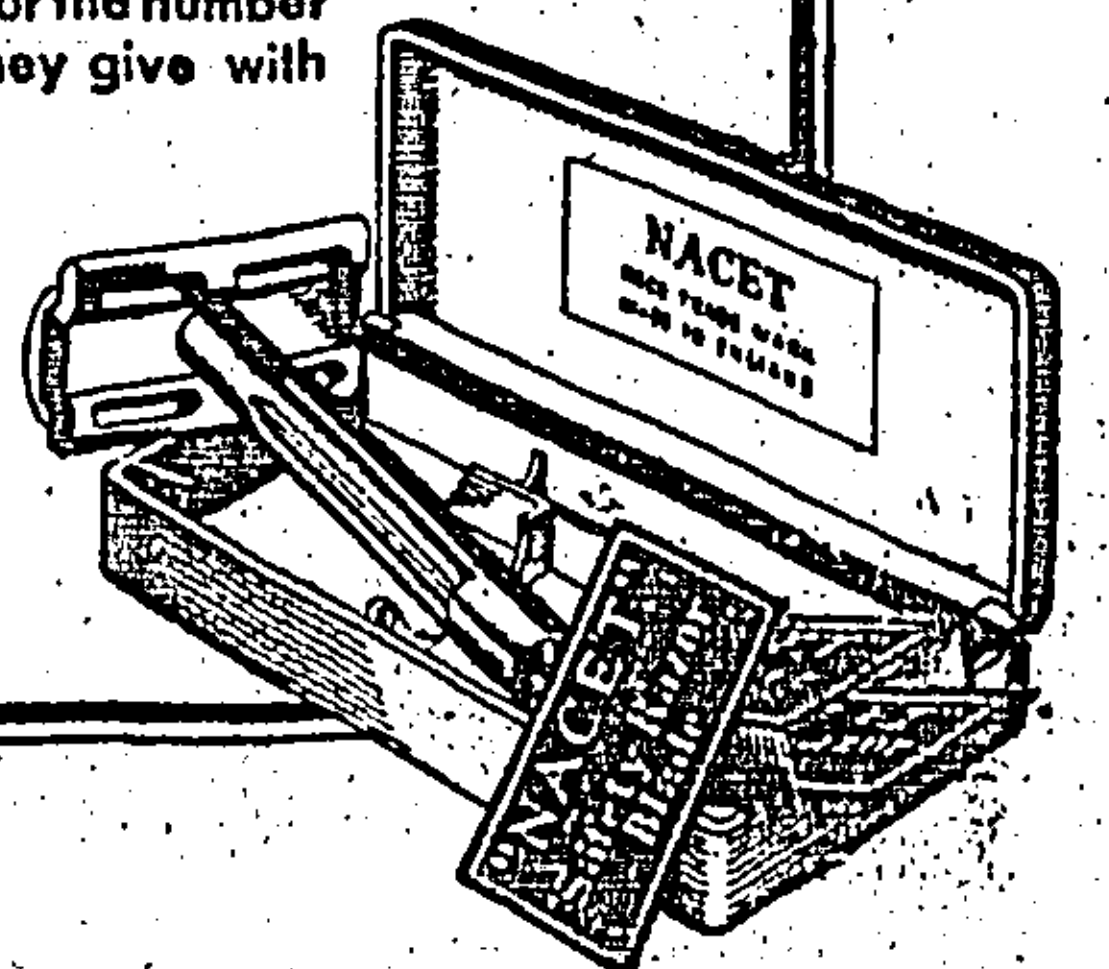
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N
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♣ J 10 9
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♠ J 6 2
♥ A Q J 10 4
♦ K Q J
♣ A Q

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	6♥	Pass

West opened the eight of diamonds, South winning with the Jack. After three rounds of trumps, South successfully finessed dummy's spade Queen — but filled the air with his groans when the spade Ace drew a diamond from East.

South now got back via the diamond Queen to run the last two trumps, West nonchalantly discarding clubs. Dummy next won the diamond Ace, and West took the club finesse — and West took the blank club King and two spade tricks!

Now, our detective friends, it's obvious that the handcuffs belong on South — but what was his crime? Decide for yourself before going on. After successfully finessing the spade Queen, South should have led a low spade from the dummy! Despite the bad break, South could win the third spade in the dummy and ruff a fourth spade to establish the last one. Then there would be no need to guess about the club finesse. Incidentally, give West credit for a very pretty defence after South's slip.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner; and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K Q 10 8 3
♥ 8
♦ 7
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You	Maler	Jacoby	Schenken
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
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1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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BRIDE 70, WEDDING OFF

The wedding of seventy-year-old Miss Christine Bates, of Broomyard Road, Worcester, and thirty-five-year-old Mr. Stanley Howell, a chemist's assistant, of Oswestry, which was to have taken place at Worcester, was cancelled at the last moment.

While the bride was in bed recovering from the shock of her broken romance, the bridegroom was on his way back to Oswestry with his father.

A crowd had gathered at the church.

At the bride's home, where the wedding presents had been displayed for the reception, a niece of Miss Bates told a reporter: "Last night Mr. Howell and his father called and had a long talk with Miss Bates, and afterwards it was decided to call off the wedding."

COLONEL PAYS DANCE HOSTESS £125 BREACH DAMAGES

LOVE LETTERS in which a lieutenant-colonel, aged fifty-five, told a dance hostess she was "clean, sweet, and dainty," and made his life a "real throbbing thing again," were read during the nearing of a breach of promise action.

Miss Kathleen Lee, twenty-four, of Ivor Court, Gloucester Place, London, W., sued Lieutenant-Colonel Humphrey Pellew Forster Mills, saying that they were to have married in February, but he called it off in January and had since married someone else.

Mr. Justice Singleton, in the King's Bench Division awarded Miss Lee £125 damages with costs.

Miss Lee's counsel, Mr. R. F. Levy, K.C., said the promise was made early last November.

Miss Lee, an orphan, was of good education and culture.

Her father, who was Chinese and became a naturalised British subject, graduated at London University and became tutor at Nan-kang University. Her mother was English.

When Miss Lee became orphaned and without means she began to earn her own livelihood. In the summer of 1938 she became a dance hostess at the Florida Club, Grosvenor Street, W., earning £5 a week.

She was introduced to Colonel Mills by another officer last October.

At their second meeting he asked her to become engaged. Although she did not accept him then, he insisted on putting a ring on her finger.

She did not love him then, but later became fond of him and accepted.

They met frequently and he telephoned to her almost daily and wrote many love letters.

He informed her, in one letter that she was "clean, sweet and dainty."

Colonel Mills told her his income was about £90 a month, and promised to open a banking account for her with £50 and make her a monthly dress allowance of £15.

"I love you and you are utterly adorable," he wrote later. "I am going to marry you. Whoopee!"

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Early in January the position changed for he wrote what he described as "a difficult letter to compose."

"He called himself a poor man and suggested that she could never exist on the £250 or £300 a year



When Chorine Clara fussed about her terrible lines, the stage manager told her not to worry—it was her out-lines they'd hired her for.

which was all he could hope for after the war.

"I am fifty-five, or nearly so," he stated in the letter, "and I cannot deceive myself about my chances of earning. You are young and beautiful; my ways are not yours. Your friends would bore me; my friends would drive you crazy in a week."

Miss Lee, in evidence, said that in the time she knew Mills she had received from him £80 in all. Colonel Mills, giving evidence, said that at first he was fascinated by Miss Lee.

Later he thought she was more interested in the money he gave her than in him.

OFF THE RECORD

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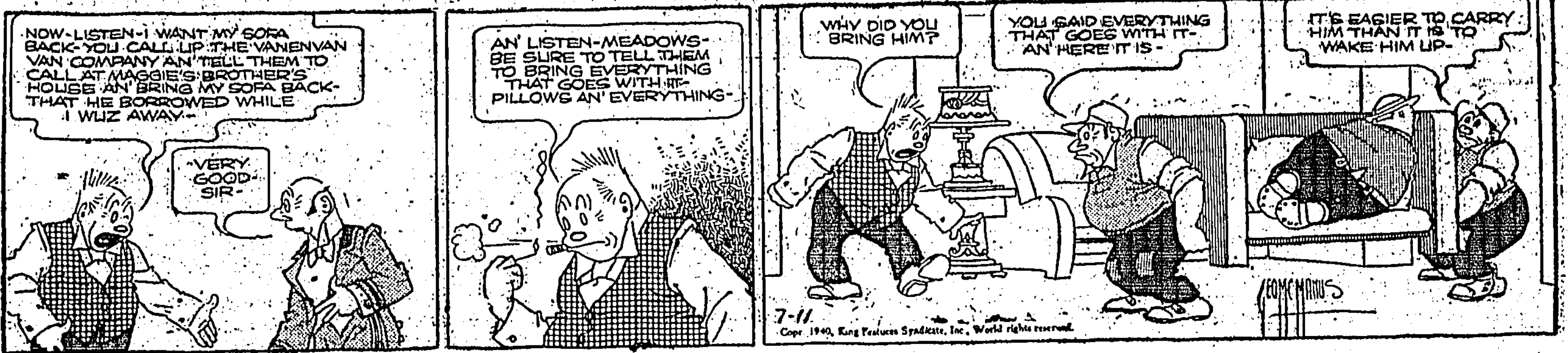
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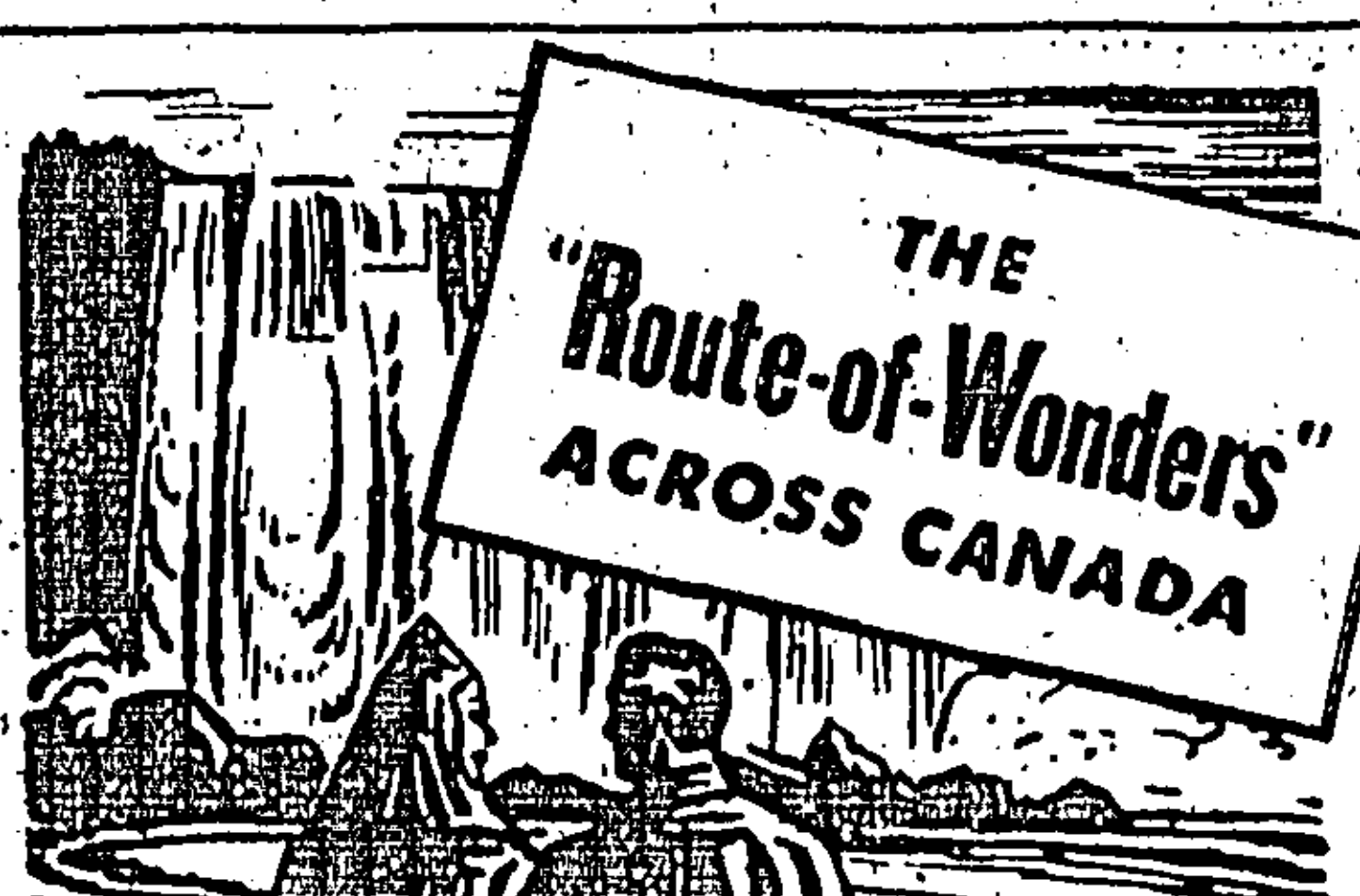
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12.30 p.m.—Harry Roy's Orchestra.

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1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Haydn—Symphony No. 93 in D Major Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

1.26 p.m.—Song by Dennis Noble.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Tino Rossi and the Orchestra Mascotte.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Compositions of Mozart.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

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7.00 p.m.—Half an Hour of Dance Music, by Jack Hylton's Orchestra.

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7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Victor Silvester's Ballroom Orchestra.

8.30 p.m.—London Relay—Max and Harry Nesbitt—Comedians.

8.45 p.m.—Studio—Local Newletter.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and Topical Talks.

9.45 p.m.—A Grand Variety Programme, with "Gert and Daisy," Jack Buchanan, Oliver Wakefield, Gertrude Lawrence, Max Bacon, London Piano Accordion Band, Elsie and Doris Waters, Reginald Footit (Organ), Don Rico and his Gipsy Girls Orchestra, and Max Miller.

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PLAN FOR WELFARE CORPS

Welfare officers with "the right psychological make-up" are to be selected to help Britain's workers.

They will be given scholarships to universities such as Birmingham and Liverpool, where courses in this work have been begun, and will then return to the factories and workshops.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, outlining the scheme said Treasury sanctions has not yet been given, but he is convinced those with the proper flair for the work can be of great value in making the wheels of industry run smoothly and in increasing production.

A selection board will choose the welfare officers from all ranks of industry.

Mr. Bevin feels there are far too many accidents and that welfare officers with a sympathetic insight into workers' difficulties will be able to decrease these.

An enormous number of people are being moved about the country on war work, and the officers will be able to help in problems concerning lodgings and billets.

The organisation of proper rest periods in factories and the provision of rest rooms—particularly for women and girls—also need attention.

STOPPED WEDDING CHARGE

Just before he was to be wed police interviewed a man at Rugby and he admitted he was already a married man. Then they stopped the "marriage" at the entrance to the church.

Later Sidney Sturgeon, forty-five, ward orderly, of Ashcombe Square, New Malden, Surrey, was charged at Rugby with making a false declaration at St. Andrew's Church, Ham, Surrey, for the purpose of procuring marriage with Doris Mabel Chinnock.

Superintendent Wood said Sturgeon worked at an institution at Richmond, Surrey, where Miss Chinnock, a Rugby woman, was a nurse.

The case was adjourned, bail being granted.

WANTED TO FIGHT AIR RAIDERS WITH RIFLE

AFTER ESCAPING uninjured when he was blown off a wagon in an air raid, a miner ran to where rifles were being given out and cried: "Give me one of those guns. He can't do that to me and get away with it."

The story was told by Mr. G. W. Daugherty to the Mineworkers' Federation conference at Blackpool to illustrate the fighting spirit of the miners.

A resolution from South Wales was adopted urging the provision of air-raid shelters and calling on the miners to support the L.D.V. and A.R.P.

One delegate, Mr. J. Elkes, said he wanted to see armed guards at the collieries, and added that they had asked for anti-aircraft guns.

Mr. W. J. Sadler, who moved the South Wales resolution, (which claimed the democratic administration of the A.R.P. and L.D.V. organisations), said the difficulty they were up against was that the L.D.V. was often in the hands of the gentry.

"I want to be armed and disciplined to meet a possible invasion. If we are disciplined we can stand up to any aggressor," he added.

Mr. J. Elkes declared that in his district on the south-east coast the men had stuck it well.

"I understand Hitler has put off the invasion. Well, I am going back, and if he comes—I don't think he will—I shall be waiting on the coast for him."

Mr. E. Edwards, the secretary, said the war was only a fortnight old when they put it to the owners that there should be anti-aircraft guns for every colliery.

Resolutions by the Midlands district in favour of the Government taking over the coal mining industry, and by Lancashire that the Government should deal with the mines on lines similar to those that applied to munitions, were remitted to the National Executive.

"TROOPS TIRED OF BEEF"

Mr. Simmonds (Con., Duddesdon, Birmingham) will ask the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food if he is aware "that the troops are tired of beef and the housewives are tired of mutton," and that butchers are being obliged to sell meat too soon after it has been killed.

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EUROPEAN BITTEN

Mr. R. P. Nelson, of No. 26, Cumberland Road, was treated at the Kowloon Hospital yesterday after being bitten by a dog owned by Mr. S. May, of No. 25, Stafford Road. The animal was sent to Mautaukok for observation.

WOMEN ON DAWN-TO-DUSK WATCH

FROM SUNRISE to nightfall women watch the skies over the Suffolk village of Benhall for parachutists. From nightfall to sunrise the L.D.V. takes over. The women have formed their own corps because they insist on doing their share.

Oldest of the volunteers is nearly seventy and the youngest is seventeen.

Mrs. A. C. Pepper, farmer's wife, who has organised volunteers in one part of the village, told a reporter: "Counting out those women who cannot leave their homes because of tiny babies, membership is 100 per cent."

"Children at the village school have made us white armlets bearing the letters W.O. (Women Observers)."

"Every week we have a meeting over a cup of tea and work out a seven-day rota."

"Each woman promises to go on duty for an hour at a time when she can do so without interfering with the running of her household. If there are any last-minute changes the volunteers work it out among themselves."

"There is only one thing we want now—that is binoculars or telescopes."

Husbands Are Proud

Mrs. Bloss, whose husband is a special constable, said: "Our husbands are glad to think we are doing something and they don't mind a cold dinner if we have to be on duty during the morning."

Miss Diana Holland, aged twenty, who is the chief organiser, said: "We are practical women and some of us are crack shots. But they won't let us carry guns."

"The other day when we were on duty we beat out a fire which was threatening a cornfield."

Mr. E. R. Holland, who is chief of the local L.D.V., said: "The women are doing a grand job."

"Now that they have formed their observer corps it means that a watch is kept every minute of

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The order will be handled by 14,500 workers without interfering in the slightest with Government orders for the fighting forces.

All interests concerned in the execution of the order—manufacturers, spinners, bleachers and merchants—will be registered at the First Export Syndicate under the Cotton Board set up by the Board of Trade.

Negotiations are already in progress for further Java trade with Lancashire, the chief line being bleached and printed cloth and fancies.

The 22,000,000 yards of cambric are being manufactured for shipment to Java between September and December.

GAS CURTAINS IN SHELTERS

Local authorities have been instructed to provide gas curtains in all public air raid shelters, or to arrange that they shall be available at short notice. Sir John Anderson, Home Secretary said this in the House of Commons recently.

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THRILLS ON FIRST DAY OF AQUATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Chan Chun-Nam's Great Win In The 220 Free-Style

Ng Nin Smashes A Record: Misses V. Churn And Lily Sadick Win Ladies' Events

By "Adrem"

ONE OF THE MOST thrilling 220 free-style races in the history of the championships; the smashing of the 100 yards breast-stroke record by Ng Nin, and a great last-minute effort by Miss Vivienne Churn in the Ladies' 50 yards free-style event were the highlights of the swimming at Victoria Recreation Club yesterday—the first of the three days allocated for the championships.

An indication of the interest which has been and is being taken in the Colony championships this year, was the packed galleries as early as 5.30 p.m., nearly 45 minutes before the first event was due to be swum.

The first event, the 220 yards free-style, provided an excellent opener and the result was in doubt until the last two yards. Chan Chun-nam, the eventual winner, has never been extended like he was yesterday.

His normal practice is to rush away into a lead which he usually has little difficulty in maintaining. Yesterday he figured in the unusual role of having to follow his biggest rivals. After the first two lengths, Ng Nin went out in front followed by Huang, with Chan third. About two yards separated each swimmer. This order was maintained until the last two lengths, Huang, somewhat surprisingly, standing up to the pace very well.

Entering the last 20 yards, Ng turned badly and Chan, now in the middle of a great rally and making great speed, just caught the tiring Ng Nin on the tape for a grand victory. Huang was just behind.

Chan's success can be attributed to his ability to keep up a steady pace, and to great reserves of stamina. There can now be little doubt that he will win the 440 and 880 events.

Miss Anderson's Promise

In the women's 50 yards free-style, it appeared any odds on Miss Vivienne Churn, the Colony champion, meeting with her first defeat. She was well behind at the turn and, 10 yards from the finish, was still behind Miss Ko.

Her fine fighting powers then made themselves evident and she spurred gamely to win by a touch. Miss Anderson came up strongly over the last length, after a bad turn, and was a touch behind Miss Churn and Miss Ko to justify the confidence of her supporters.



MISS LILY SADICK (Sa Wai-ying).

This young swimmer has improved out of all recognition and more experience will make her a champion in the not distant future.

Miss Lily Sadick—also known as Sa Wai-ying—was streets ahead of anyone else in the back-stroke event for women, and won by at least five yards. She took the lead from the second length, making a great deal on each turn, and drew steadily away thereafter. Miss Lopes and Miss Tsang Fung-kwan were together for most of the race and it was touch and go throughout the last length. Miss Tsang's greater stamina enabled her to secure second place by a touch.

The women's 200 yards free-style relay was disappointing in that two V.R.C. teams received virtually no opposition. Chung Shing were never in the picture and V.R.C. "A" won by half the length of the bath, with their junior team second.

Record Crashes

It was generally expected that the breast-stroke record, now that the "butterfly" stroke has been recognised, would topple, and topple it did, although not by as large a margin as most people thought it would, only 1-2/5 secs. being clipped off the mark-set by Chaine last year.

Ng Nin really showed how the "butterfly" stroke should be done. Although he must have been tired after his effort in the 220 free-style, he maintained a killing pace and won easily.

Luis Remedios gave little away for two lengths but was tiring fast towards the end.

Most interesting of the club events was the 440 yards junior championship. In this event "Smalley" Rumjahn attempted to emulate the recent Shanghai performance of Lumsdaine and win a free-style event while using the back-stroke. He did well enough to place but the opposition was much too good to enable him to register a win. Silva-Netto gave an exceedingly promising display and only L. M. Remedios was able to extend him at all. In the closing stages the latter was coming up fast but he left his spurt until too late.

Special mention must be made of the promising form of A. Lopes in the boys' 50 yards back-stroke. Severely handicapped, this young swimmer quickly caught the rest of the field to win comfortably. The handicapping in this event was excellent, all the swimmers being in line just beyond the three-quarter stage.

220 yards:—1. Chan Chun-nam (Lai Tsun), 2.32.2/5; 2. Ng Nin (Chung Shing), 2.32.2/5; 3. Charles Huang (V.R.C.), 2.35.4/5.

Women's 50 yards:—1. V. Churn (V.R.C.), 31.2/5; 2. Ko Mul-ling (Lai



MISS VIVIENNE CHURN

Tsun), 32.1/5; 3. J. Anderson (V.R.C.), 32.2/5.

Women's 100 yards back-stroke:—1. L. Sadick (V.R.C.), 85; 2. Tsang Fung-kwan, 93.1/5; 3. I. Lopes (V.R.C.), 93.3/5.

100 yards breast-stroke:—1. N. N. (Chung Sing), 70; (record); 2. Luis M. Remedios (V.R.C.), 74; 3. Ho Poon-kah (South China), 74.1/5.

Women's 200 yards relay:—1. V.R.C. A. (D. Weir, I. Lopes, J. Anderson, V. Churn), 2.12.2/5; 2. V.R.C. B. (E. Grant, M. Choa, M. Noronha, M. Campos), 2.29.4/5; 3. Chung Sing (Yi Yip, Tsolman, Yu Pui-yuk, Loo Woon-tao, Lee Ah-mul), 2.34.4/5.

200 yards Inter-School relay:—1. St. Joseph's (Fong Wah, Lee Tung-lim, Robert Ho, D. Young), 1.57.2/5; 2. Wah Yan (John Tai, Chalern, Ng Kam-yeung, Choi Tim-wah), 1.57.4/5; 3. La Salle (A. Lopes, M. Young, A. Sandberg, J. Gomes), 1.59.2/5.

V.R.C. EVENTS
Junior 100 yards back-stroke:—1. R. da Roza (B.I.S.), 2. A. J. Hussain (B.I.S.).

Junior 440 yards championship:—1. C. A. Silva-Netto (B.I.S.), 2. L. M. Remedios (B.I.S.); 3. A. K. Rumjahn (B.I.S.).

Boys' 50 yards back-stroke:—1. A. Lopes (B.I.S.), 2. J. Roza-Perreira (B.I.S.); 3. F. Monteiro (B.I.S.).

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY

50 Yards Free-Style (Men)—1. D. Hutchinson; 2. D. H. Taylor; 3. Ng Nin.

100 Yards Breast-Stroke (Women)—1. Miss Lee Po-luen; 2. Miss Ko Mul-ling; 3. Miss Vivienne Churn.

440 Yards Free-Style (Men)—1. Chan Chun-nam; 2. Ng Nin; 3. Charles Huang.

150 Yards Medley Relay (Women)—1. V.R.C.; 2. Chinese Bathing Club; 3. Lai Tsun.

150 Yards Medley Relay (Men)—1. V.R.C. "A"; 2. Chung Shing; 3. V.R.C. "B".

The Finalists

50 Yards Free-Style—D. Hutchinson, D. H. Taylor, Ng Nin, Ng Tsun-man and Fung Kwai-sang.

100 Yards Breast-Stroke—Miss Lee Po-luen, Miss Ko Mul-ling, Miss V. Churn, Miss Au Mei-chun and Ho Wai-man.

440 Yards Free-Style—Chan Chun-nam, Ng Nin, C. Huang, Mak Wai-ming and Yau Sai-kwan.

150 Yards Medley Relay (Women)—Chung Shing Benevolent Society, H.K. University, Lai Tsun Union, Chinese Bathing Club and Victoria Recreation Club.

150 Yards Medley Relay (Men)—V.R.C. "A", Chung Shing, V.R.C. "B", H.K. University "A", H.K. University "B".

TROPP AND BAILEY BOWL WELL

Fine bowling by Bailey and Tropp, gave Fortress Royal Engineers a thrilling win over Royal Artillery by 3 runs, in a friendly cricket match played at Sookunpoo yesterday.

When Tropp started the last over of the match, R.A. were four runs behind with two wickets in hand. Tropp took wickets with his third and seventh balls for the concession of one run to win the match.

This was the Sappers' second victory in as many days, they having beaten R.A.M.C. the previous day.

ROYAL ENGINEERS				
Spr. Tropp, b. Dobinson	11	0	0	0
Spr. Ratcliffe, c. Dobinson, b. Barsby	0	0	0	0
Spr. Bailey, b. Dobinson	0	0	0	0
Capt. Freeman, c. and b. Barsby	7	0	0	0
Major Grose, not out	25	0	0	0
Spr. Goss, b. Barsby	12	0	0	0
Spr. Hemming, c. Barsby, b. Glague	0	0	0	0
Cpl. Hawkins, c. Clarke, b. Glague	0	0	0	0
Cpl. Taylor, b. Clarke	11	0	0	0
Cpl. Westwood, c. Clarke, b. Glague	0	0	0	0
Sgt. Chalcraft, b. Glague	0	0	0	0
Extras (W4, B4, NB3)	11	0	0	0

Total Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Barsby	4	0	20	3
Dobinson	4	0	19	2
Pearce	1	0	1	0
Glague	2	0	10	4
Clarke	2	0	11	1

ROYAL ARTILLERY				
Dobinson, c. Goss, b. Bailey	7	0	0	0
Ingram, c. Chalcraft, b. Bailey	5	0	0	0
Barsby, c. Goss, b. Bailey	20	0	0	0
Pearce, l.b.w., b. Bailey	20	0	0	0
Glague, c. and b. Bailey	3	0	0	0
McCauley, b. Tropp	1	0	0	0
Bramble, b. Tropp	1	0	0	0
Ellsworth, b. Bailey	0	0	0	0
Sedders, b. Tropp	0	0	0	0
Clarke, b. Tropp	0	0	0	0
Brady, not out	1	0	0	0
Extras (LBI)	1	0	0	0

Total Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ratcliffe	4	0	27	0
Bailey	7	0	39	0
Tropp	3.75	1	0	4

The Hong Kong Hockey Umpires' Association will hold a meeting at St. Andrew's Church Hall tomorrow, September 27, at 6 p.m. All umpires are requested to attend.

BOWLSTERS' THIRD WIN

At the Kowloon Bowling Green yesterday, Bowlers beat A.S.C. Coy., H.K.V.D.C., for the third time in succession.

W. L. Walker, C. W. Jeffries, I. Newton, J. Deakin beat D. Gow, F. Flippance, W. Hyde, J. G. Meyer 26-14.

W. A. Cornell, R. R. Wood, J. T. Smith, S. H. Dodwell beat R. R. Davies, H. V. Pearce, E. Tuck, C. S. Rosset 28-18.

J. A. Fraser, E. V. Searle, J. T. Smalley, J. F. MacGowan beat S. L. Leonard, W. S. Hillier, F. Cullen, E. Kern 21-18.

BOWLS TOURNEY

Results of games in the singles bowls championship played yesterday are:

At Kowloon Bowling Green: W. K. Way beat W. Simpson 21-10; C. G. Silva beat Y. H. Tang 21-12.

At Kowloon Football Club: A. M. Holland beat C. E. Marques 21-10.

At Civil Service: R. Basa beat

LAWN BOWLS SINGLES DRAW

Following is the draw for the third round of the Open Singles lawn bowls championship:

Monday, Sep. 30
C. G. Silva v W. L. Walker—K.F.C.
M. N. Rakusen v J. S. Landolt—K.F.C.
A. Morton v M. R. Abbas—C.C.C.

Tuesday, Oct. 1
F. X. M. da Silva v H. White—K.F.C.
Morrison or Carey v A. M. Holland—K.F.C.

H. E. Strange v F. J. Jones—C.C.C.
L. J. Xavier or Eastman v H. A. Alves—C.C.C.

W. R. Hillier v W. J. Howard—F.R.C.
R. Basa v Ecclesham or Fincher—K.B.G.C.

M. A. Alarcon v T. A. Madar—K.B.G.C.
C. C. Pereira v W. Gill—K.C.C.

Wednesday, Oct. 2
A. R. Mimi v C. S. Rosset—C.S.C.C.
R. F. da Luz v W. K. Way—C.S.C.C.
W. Hungking v J. C. Remedios—C.S.C.C.

Friday, Oct. 4
A. J. Hall v U. M. Omar—C. de R.
J. McCutcheon or A. M. Omar v A. Hyde—Lay—K.F.C.

A. H. Rumjahn 21-10. W. Gill beat M. J. Medina 21-3.

At Craigengower: A. Hyde-Lay beat A. W. Hickock 21-14.

C.R.C. EASILY BEAT K.C.C.

In an "A" Division tennis match yesterday, Chinese R.C. beat Kowloon C.C. by 8-1.

E. C. and E. F. Fincher (K.C.C.) beat W. Hung and Tsui Wai-piu 6-2.

lost to Tsui Yan-piu and Lee Wai-long 1-0.

lost to P. Kong and Ho Ka-lau 1-0.

A. E. P. Guest and S. A. Gray (K.C.C.)

lost to Hung and Tsui 1-0.

lost to Tsui and Lee 1-0.

lost to Kong and Ho 2-0.

A. Crawford and F. Zimmermann (K.C.C.)

lost to Hung and Tsui 0-0.

lost to Tsui and Lee 0-0.

lost to Kong and Ho 0-0.

"C" Division

In a "C" Division game Chinese R.C. beat Kowloon C.C. 9-0.

N. A. Belfrag and P. Botelho Rec.) lost to F. K. Lau and C. C. Chiu 1-0.

lost to Y. Y. Lam and W. K. Ma 1-0.

lost to C. Wei and O. L. Pang 3-0.

E. A. R. Alves and P. A. Yvanovich (Rec.)

lost to Lau and Chiu 3-0.

lost to Lam and Ma 3-0.

lost to Wei and Pang 5-7.

R. M. Soares and J. M. Oliveira (Rec.)

lost to Lau and Chiu 0-0.

lost to Lam and Ma 0-0.

lost to Wei and Pang 0-0.

SOCCER

Navy Overwhelm South China After A Tentative Opening Chinese Without Several Of Their Best Players

O'Regan Scores Three Goals

By "Sportshawk"

DISPLAYING DEFINITE superiority in all departments throughout the game, except for the first ten minutes during which period they were on the defensive, Royal Navy overwhelmed South China "A" by 5 goals to 2 in a friendly football match played at Causeway Bay yesterday afternoon. Navy led at the interval by 3-1.

The Chinese were without the services of their best player, Lee Wai-tong, and Yeung Kun-po in the forward line and Tam Kwan-hon in defence. Navy made only one change, bringing in their junior player, Baillic, to substitute for Roughley.

South China attacked hard and were superior to Navy only during the opening stages, scoring a quick goal to take the lead about three minutes after the start, but Navy settled down following 15 minutes' defensive work and had the better of the game thereafter.

Giff continually distinguished himself between the sticks by bringing off saves at point-blank range, while Britt and Honeywell dealt firmly with the periodical raids attempted by the Chinese forwards.

Their intermediate line was best served by Honeywell, former Colony Interporter, who distributed the ball well.

O'Regan and Hendy combined well in attack and were ably supported by Phippen.

South China had a strong forward-line in which Lee Shek-yau, Chow Man-chi and Chan Tak-fai distinguished themselves.

Defence Shaky

Their defence and intermediate line were shaky and only Tsang, Chung-wan and Tse Kam-hung, respectively at right-back and right-half, played at all well. Lee Kwok-wai was rather erratic and appeared uncomfortable in his position of left-back.

Three minutes after the start, South China drew first blood through Chan Tak-fai, from a short pass from Chow Man-chi, from about 10 yards range. The Chinese continued to attack and had Navy on the defensive until the 15th minute, when Navy gradually settled down and assumed the offensive.

FOOTBALL MEETING

NAVY ADMITTED TO SECOND DIVISION: CLUBS FINED

At the meeting of the League Management Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association held last night, Eastern's failure to field a team in their First Division game against Sing Tao last Sunday was discussed.

It was decided that the points be awarded to Sing Tao and that Eastern be fined \$20.

Eastern were permitted to withdraw their Second Division team, and Royal Navy were voted to their place.

Applications were also received from University and Lane Crawford & Co., Ltd.

For playing three unregistered players last Sunday, Police were fined \$10 and Service Corps were fined \$5 for playing an unregistered player in Elms.

Club ground was decided as the venue for the Charity game between Combined Chinese and "The Rest" on October 10 at 4.30 p.m.

Tsui Kawi-shing, of South China, who was sent off the field of play during the First Division game between South China and Royal Scots on Saturday failed to attend at the meeting of the Emergency Committee. He will not be permitted to play until his case is heard.

pass to O'Regan who equalised. Shortly after, the same player added a further goal to place his side in the lead as the result of a solo effort. After this, South China were on the defensive for the whole game. Navy scored their third goal through Hendy when he sent in a long and powerful shot which went straight into the net.

Second Half

On the resumption, South China brought in Ho Po-pui to take Wong Chueng's position between the sticks; Yuen Shu to replace Lee Kwok-wai, and Lee Ting-kai to substitute Chin Chi-



fai. However, the changes had little effect and their opponents still dictated terms.

Chan Tak-fai had bad luck in front of goal and his several attempts at goal were either frustrated by the Navy defence or the ball hit the cross-bar.

After 10 minutes O'Regan re-

gistered his team's fourth goal with a grounder, from a pass from Phippen, while Hendy netted their final goal from a pass from Bourne, shortly after.

South China reduced the deficit, just before the whistle, through Lee Shek-yau after a solo effort.

Royal Navy: — Giff; Honeywell and Britt; Honeywell, Croft and Baillic; Phippen, Allison, Hendy, O'Regan and Bourne.

South China "A": — Wong Chueng (Ho Po-pui second half); Tsang Chung-wan and Lee Kwok-wai (Yuen Shu second half); Tse Kam-hung, Lam Tak-po and Luk Tat-hang; Chin Chi-fai (Lee Ting-kai second half), Chu Wing-keung, Chan Tak-fai, Chow Man-chi and Lee Shek-yau.

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JAPANESE WARNED OFF

Transports Arrive Off Haiphong But Withdraw

Reports Of Sharp Fighting Yesterday

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It is reliably reported that a large number of vessels containing Japanese landing parties appeared in the bay off Haiphong yesterday but were warned by the French not to attempt a landing.

They withdrew later no shot being fired by either side.

The Japanese military forces were scheduled to land at Haiphong yesterday under the terms of the Franco-Japanese accord, and, Reuter says, the headquarters of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces in South China had issued the following communique: "We expect the landing at Haiphong to be effected peacefully and amicably under the terms of the agreement."

French reports state that fighting continued all day.

Fighting was chiefly concentrated near Dongdang where both sides suffered casualties.

When a large number of Japanese troop transports appeared off Haiphong yesterday, the French immediately manned their shore defences and warned the Japanese that they must not make any attempt to land.

The French had machine-guns and coastal batteries trained on the craft which withdrew later in the day.

The French also issued a warning to the Japanese navy that the French would strongly resist any attempt the Japanese might make to effect landings.

Haiphong's Stand

Authoritative reports from Haiphong indicate that French official circles, on instructions from Vichy, have modified their position from the standpoint that they regard the Nishihara-De Coux agreement as cancelled by the Japanese breaches.

All preparations were made to resist any attempt at forcible landing by the Japanese at Haiphong yesterday, but it is probable that the terms of the agreement will be implemented if and when the border incident is settled.

Vichy Report

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Vichy, To-day.

According to information reaching Vichy, General Nishihara has apparently succeeded in the mission with which Tokyo entrusted him.

Although a normal situation is not yet re-established on the Indo-China border, General Nishihara exercised the utmost efforts to bring about the conditions preliminary to the execution of the September 22 agreement.

There is good reason to believe that the incident provoked by the Kwangsi Japanese Army's attempt to cross the frontier in massive formation will now be settled.—Havas.

Burma Road Fears

An unconfirmed report received in Chungking states that the Chinese troops in south-west Kwangsi have already engaged the Japanese attacking Indo-China.

The value of the Burma Road in the event of the Japanese occupying northern Indo-China is causing some concern at Chungking. It is thought that Japanese aircraft will be able to patrol the road from dawn to dusk and traffic will thus only be possible at night-time and be greatly reduced even if Britain agrees to re-open the road after October 17.—Reuter.

Ciano Sees Japanese Ambassador

Reports reaching London state that Chinese troops have attacked the Japanese on the Indo-China frontier, while communications between Langson and Hanoi are said to have been cut by the Japanese.

Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, saw the Japanese Ambassador to Rome on Tuesday and discussed with him the situation in Indo-China.—Reuter.

French Warning

A message from Haiphong, sent yesterday but delayed in transit, says that French official circles there declare that if the Japanese try to land in Haiphong while the "incident" is still unsettled on the north-

ANGLO-JAPANESE CONVERSATION IN LONDON

It is understood that the detention of Japanese subjects in Singapore was one of the matters discussed between the Japanese Ambassador and Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, at the Foreign Office yesterday.

It is believed, however, that the conversation covered the wider field of general questions affecting the interests of Britain and Japan.—Reuter.

JAPANESE PURCHASE SCHEME

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The purchase of Chungking-destined goods with Japanese military notes through a Purchase Association recently established in Shanghai has been decided on by the Japanese authorities in China, reports the "Shanghai Evening Post."

About 1,000,000 tons of goods are accumulated in Shanghai, and the Japanese have thought it opportune to effect extensive buying of these goods with military notes.

The head office of the Purchase Association is in Shanghai, with branches in various parts of China, and looks after the regulation and supply of goods in Japanese-occupied areas and prevents the flowing out of goods from non-occupied China.—Havas.

ern border of Indo-China, the landing will be resisted.—Reuter.

Imperial Airways Suspend Services

Imperial Airways announce that they are suspending all services from Hong Kong until further notice owing to the situation in French Indo-China.

ANOTHER WAY OF SAYING 'TURN FASCIST'

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

"I believe that France cannot remain outside the revolution which is radically altering our continent," declared M. Paul Baudouin, Vichy Foreign Minister, in an interview yesterday with the Swiss press.

"To the work of reconstruction undertaken by the present Government one must add a general determination to modernise or rather create a policy resolutely directed towards the future."

"Measures purely and traditionally French can and must be applied in this movement, which takes France into the transformation affecting at present the whole of Europe."

"We wish to carry out not only national recovery but also social regeneration. This work will be done by the French people closely united with its Government."—Havas.

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STOP PRESS

The case against Lance-Sergeant Charles Blackburn of the Police, charged with manslaughter, opened this afternoon when Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, outlined the facts. Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios appeared for the defence, while Mr. Hin Shing-lo watched on behalf of deceased's family.

Mr. Murphy said that on September 12, Blackburn, on duty in Des Voeux Road, at 6.15 p.m., stopped an overcrowded bus near the Hong Kong and Shanghai bank. Deceased—P.C.D. 233, a Shan-tung constable, and an Indian constable—were just inside the door and accused ordered them to alight and the bus to go on.

The Indian had walked a few steps towards the Law Courts when he heard sounds of an altercation and, it is alleged, saw Blackburn hit deceased; the latter fell and did not get up again.

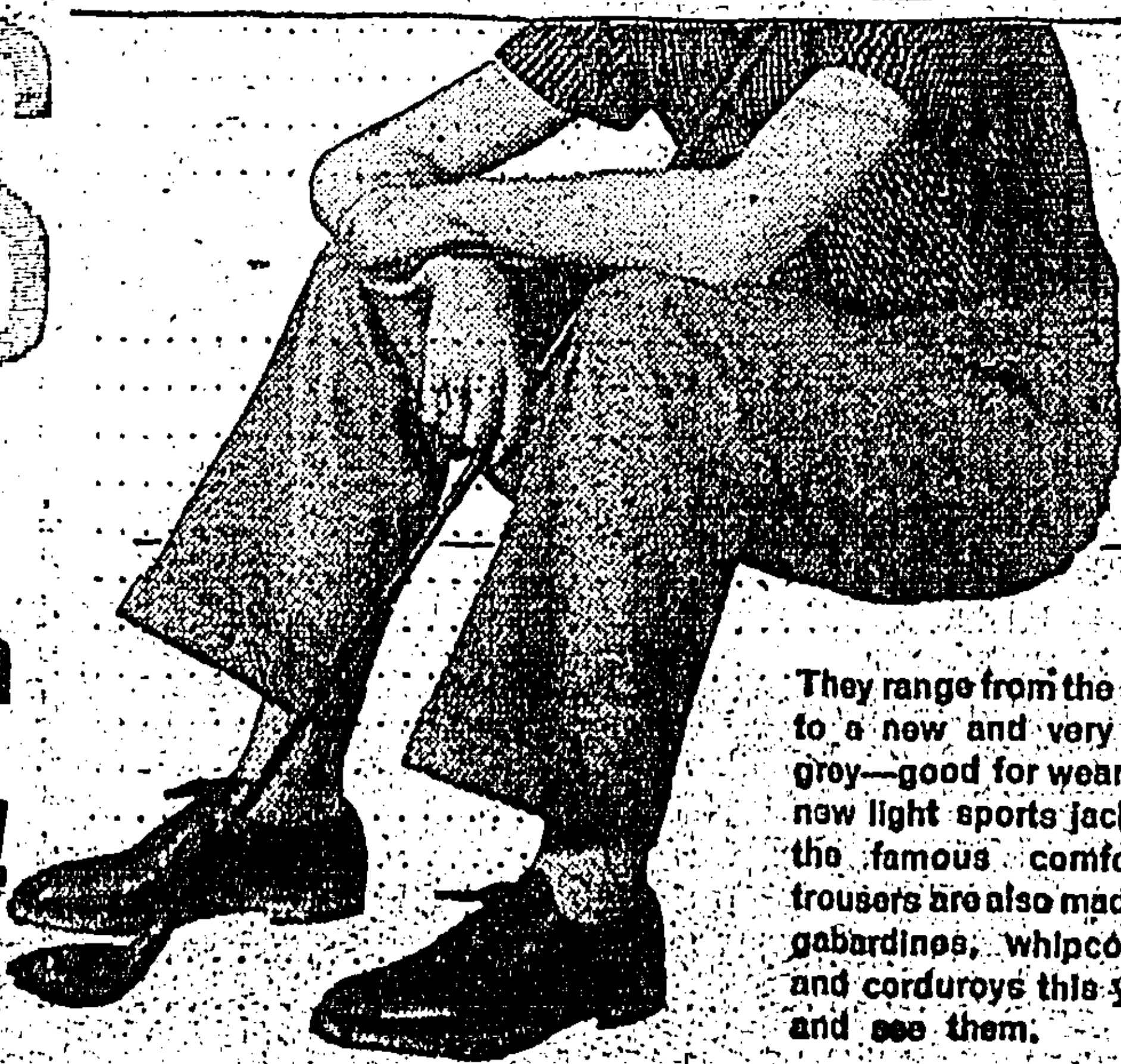
Mr. Murphy said that a hawker and the doorman of the bank would testify that deceased did not return the blow. He died on September 14 in the Queen Mary Hospital of a fractured skull and laceration of the brain.

When charged, later, accused simply replied: "I did." Eleven witnesses are to be called for the Crown. The case is proceeding.

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